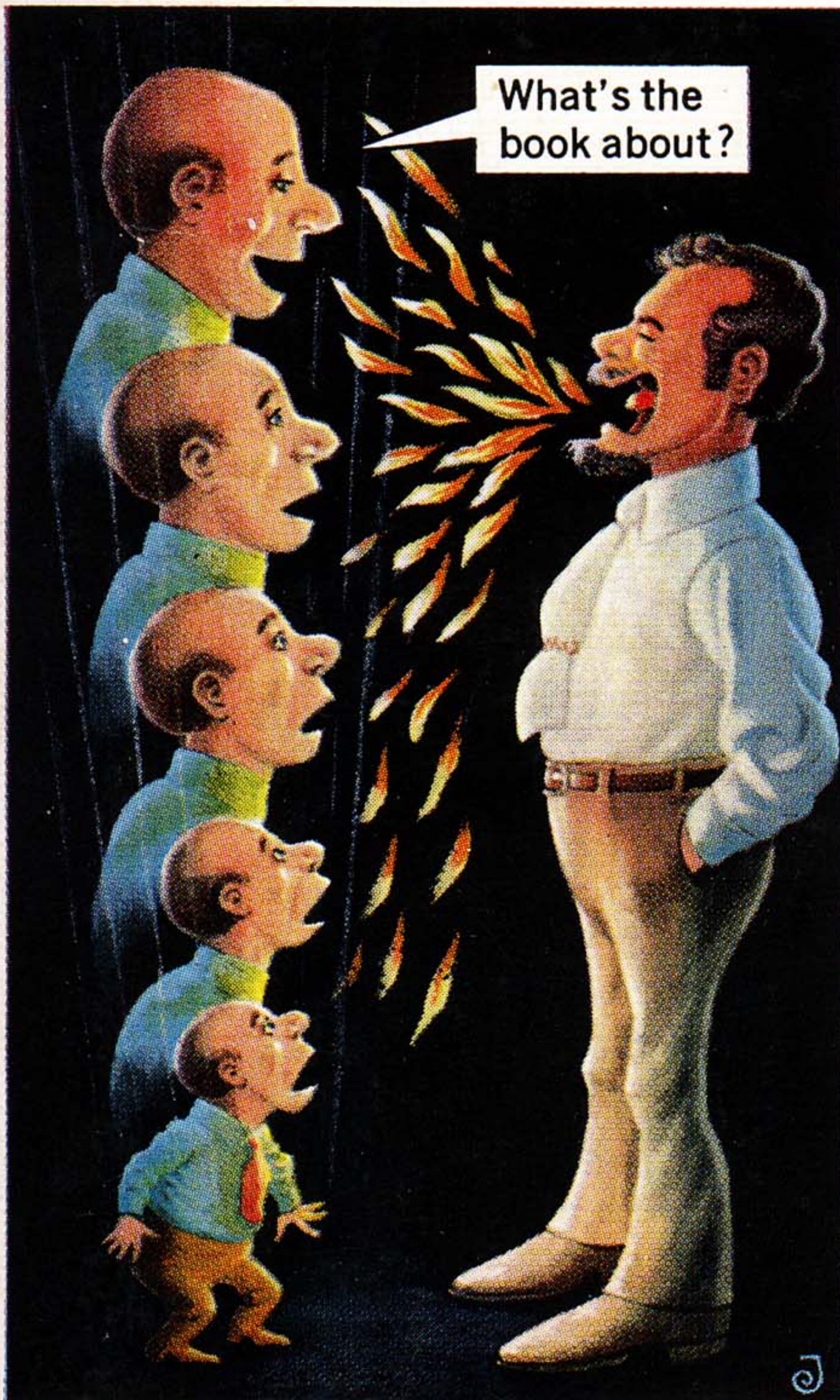


MAD's

Al Jaffee Spews Out

**SNAPPY ANSWERS TO
STUPID QUESTIONS**



What's the
book about?

It's about moronic
questions like that
one...and clever
answers like these:

It's about 7 inches
tall, 4 inches wide
and 192
pages thick!

It's about the most
ridiculous idea for
a book ever
conceived!

It's about time that
idiot out there
stopped reading this
cover and bought it.

INTRODUCTION

Are you plagued by clods who ask stupid questions? We mean the kind of questions to which the answers are painfully obvious. Doesn't it drive you nuts to have to give such answers? Don't you wish you could come up with snappy answers that would put these dolts down, like the TV comedians always do? Well, now you can. All you need is a sense of humor, a little practice, and a rotten disposition. You also need to convince yourself that there is nothing worse than stupid clods who ask pointless unnecessary questions. Do you understand what we mean? Are we getting the point of this book across to you? Is our premise clear to you? Don't you wish you had a snappy answer for us right now?

As you go through this book you will notice a great many common everyday situations that are familiar to you. Study them well and then try making up your own snappy answers to the stupid question illustrated. After a while, you'll be amazed at how adept you'll become at it. Then, when you run into a similar situation in real life you will be prepared. Your rapier like wit will come swiftly into play. You will then know the joy of being creative. You will then know the thrill of being clever. But mainly, you will then know the ecstasy of humiliating people.

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To myself, without whose inspired and tireless efforts this book would not have been possible.

FOREWORD

"Mr. Allen wishes to acknowledge receipt of an advance copy of '**MAD's** Al Jaffee Spews Out Snappy Answers To Stupid Questions'. Immediately after reading it, he and Mrs. Allen left on a well-deserved vacation."

DONNA ZINK
Secretary to
STEVE ALLEN

"Al Jaffee is a close and dear friend. One of the rare few one is privileged to know in his lifetime. His engaging wit, his fertile mind and his personable manner, makes each moment in his presence a moment to be cherished and recalled time and again.

"He is the personification of all that we, in his field, should hope to be and it is my fervent wish that someday it will show up in his work."

JOHNNY HART
Creator of B.C. and
THE WIZARD OF ID

"This is a very neat book. Seldom have I seen lines so equi-distant from each other. But this is not surprising, since the author is a very neat person. He is also a very nice person who dresses well and is very interesting to talk to. I would particularly like to call your attention to page 96. It is not a bad page at all. In summing up, I would like to say in all honesty that this is perhaps the only book that Al Jaffee has ever written."

LARRY SIEGEL
Noted Satire Writer
Co-Author:
THE MAD SHOW

"Stupid questions, indeed! Where would world history be without them? Suppose Noah had never asked: 'Think it'll rain?' Suppose Sir Walter Raleigh hadn't asked some Indian: 'Smoking a cigarette . . . or is your tongue on fire?' Or what if a fellow dogface in a desert dive hadn't asked Goliath: 'Getting stoned, big boy?' "

ALLEN SAUNDERS
Writer of MARY WORTH
and STEVE ROPER

"Me and my family have been fans of AL JAFFEE'S SNAPPY ANSWERS for years. Ever since they first came out we have been users of Al Jaffee's Snappy Answers. And now, our two year old son who has just turned to solid foods is using Al Jaffee's Snappy Answers. We have found that Al Jaffee's Snappy Answers last longer, wear longer and are easier to use than most snappy answers. They are particularly good in the morning at breakfast time with cream and sugar on them. What do I win?"

EARLE DOUD

Creator and Producer:

"The First Family,"

"Welcome To The LBJ Ranch," and other long-paying albums

"Having known AL JAFFEE (as he is jovially referred to by his intimates) ever since those halcyon days when we produced countless, capricious comic books together, I can do naught but heap the most glowing praise upon his pointy little head.

"This man, this creative titan, this Al Jaffee who walks among us, has a record which few can equal. Never, within human memory, has he precipitated a global war, committed genocide, or been incarcerated for jay-walking."

STAN "Spiderman" LEE

Editor: Marvel Comics Group

"Already, the top movie companies are bidding for the screen rights. As is, it would make a good shooting script for Michelangelo Antonioni. I see the lovely Faye Dunaway cast as 'Snappy.' "

JERRY DE FUCCIO

MAD's Night Watchman

"As the Editor of MAD Magazine, I have worked with many talented humor writers and comic artists over the years, helping them to develop their craft and watching them reach the full measure of their potential. As for Al Jaffee, all I can say is I'm still working with him."

AL FELDSTEIN

Editor

MAD Magazine

ARE YOU ASLEEP?



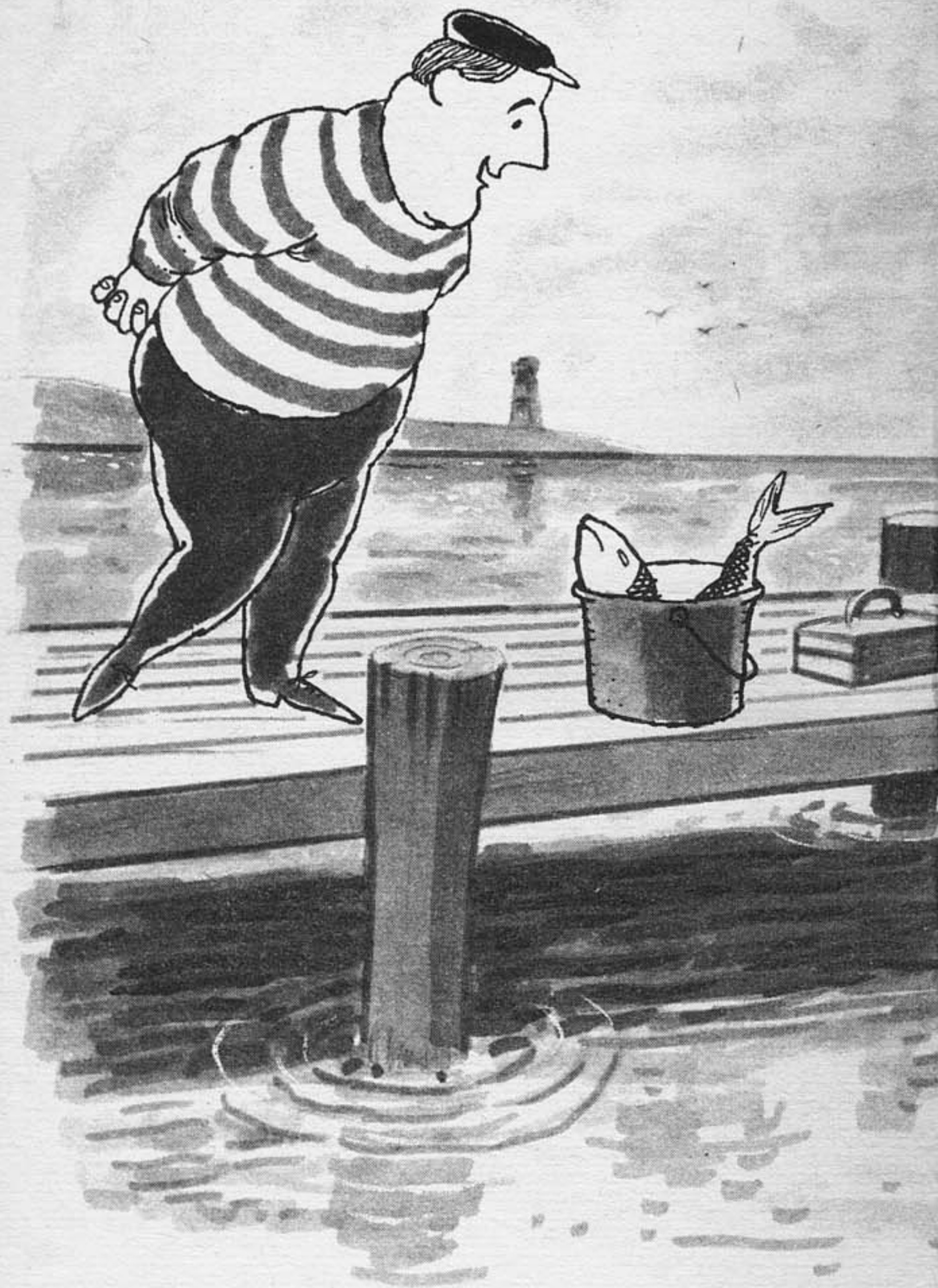
No, **dead**—leave the flowers and **get out**.

No, I'm nuzzling my **pet bedbug**.

Yes I'm **sound asleep** and having a **nightmare** about some **idiot** who is asking me if I'm asleep.



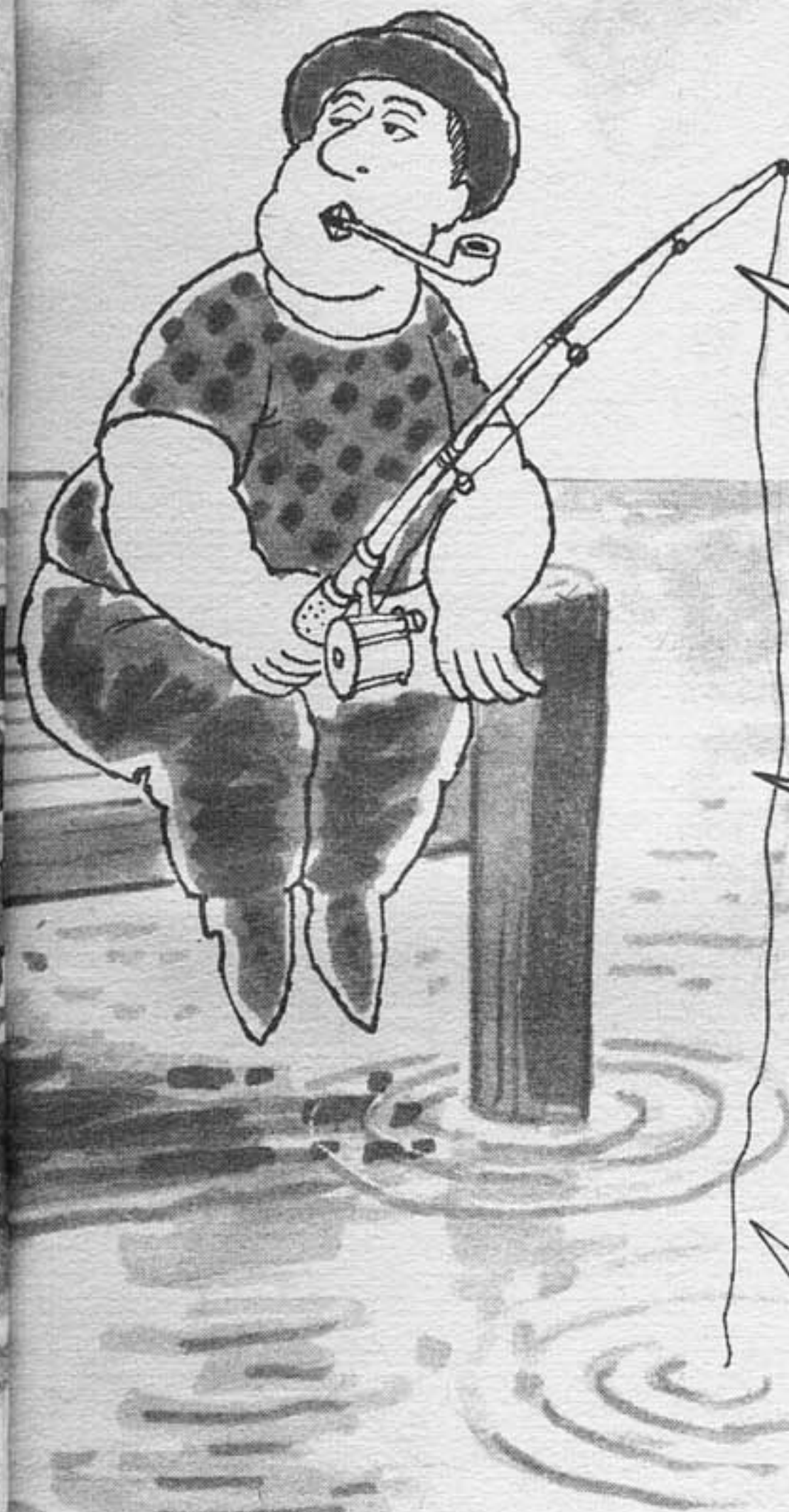
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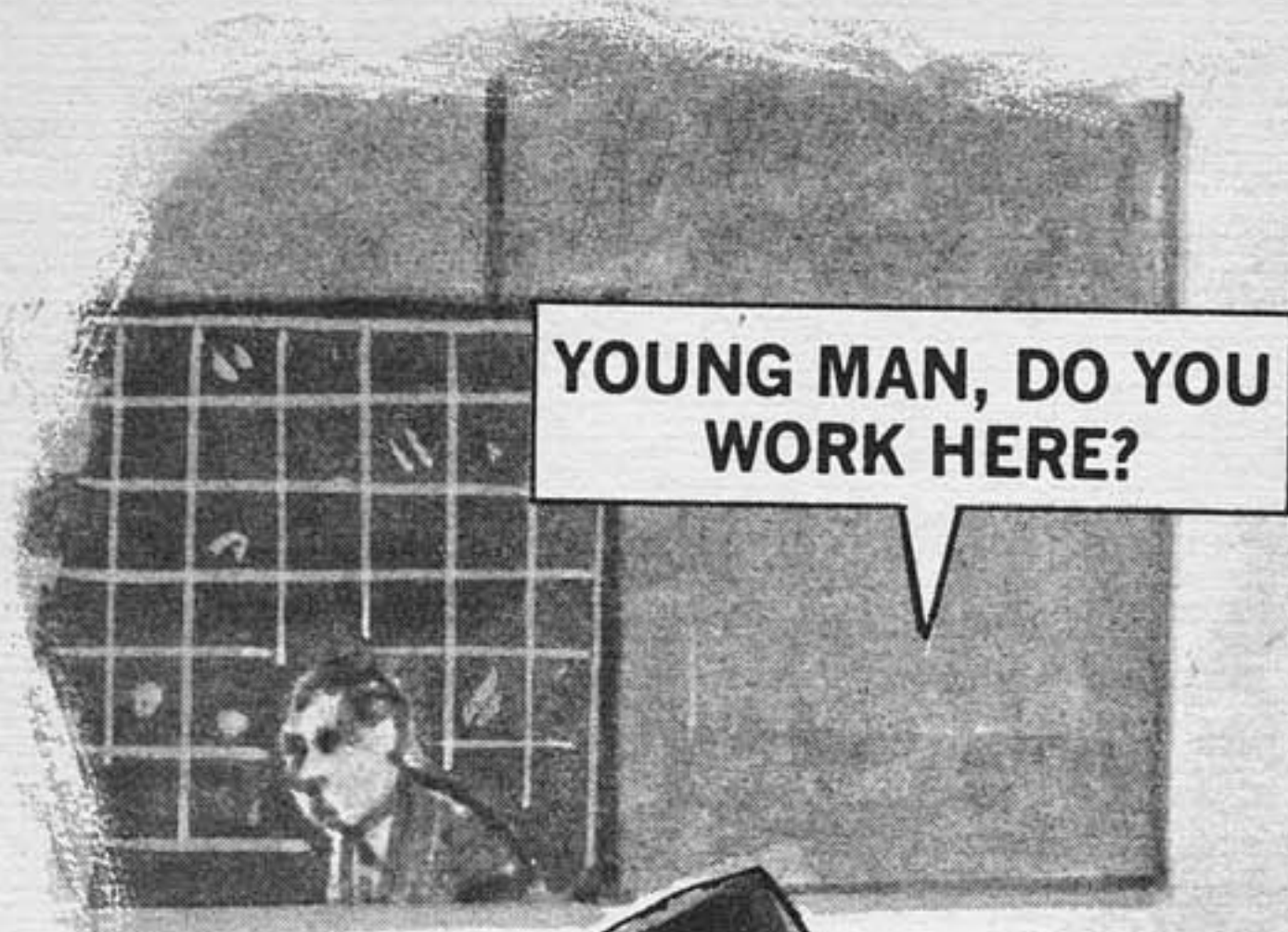


No, I talked him
into **giving**
himself up.

No, I was sitting
here **minding my**
own business when
the crazy thing
jumped into my pail.

No, it's a **plastic**
model to get people
like **you** to start
fascinating
conversations.





YOUNG MAN, DO YOU
WORK HERE?



No, I'm an
investment banker!
I do this for **kicks**
during my **lunch**
hour.

No, I loaf around
like this till I **drop**
dead from inactivity.

No, I'm on **vacation**
and this is the **only**
way I can **afford** to
stay at this **hotel.**



AM I SEXY, HENRY?

What did you
say, **fella**?

Please **repeat the
question**—my mind
was on the **serious
problem** developing
in **Southeast Asia**.

Sexy in
what way?

IS IT SNOWING?



No, I have a
bad case of
dandruff.

No, I'm a **cake**
covered with
yummy frosting.

No, I was standing
under the **Jolly**
Green Giant and he
flicked his cigar
ashes all over me.



**THE GREAT
"SNAPPY ANSWERS
TO STUPID QUESTIONS"
MURDER MYSTERY**

Is that **you**,
Frank?



No it's the guy
who returns here
every night
after work,
LYNDON B. JOHNSON.



Are you smoking
a **cigar**?

No, my **nose**
is on **fire**.



Do I **bore** you?

No, and as soon as I **stop yawning** I'll tell you how much you **fascinate me**.



Is that a **gun**?

No, it's a
camera.



Did you
shoot him?

No, he was **born**
with **six bullet**
holes in his
body.



Are you
arresting me?

No, marrying you—
and I'm putting the
wedding ring on,
sweetheart.

CLICK!
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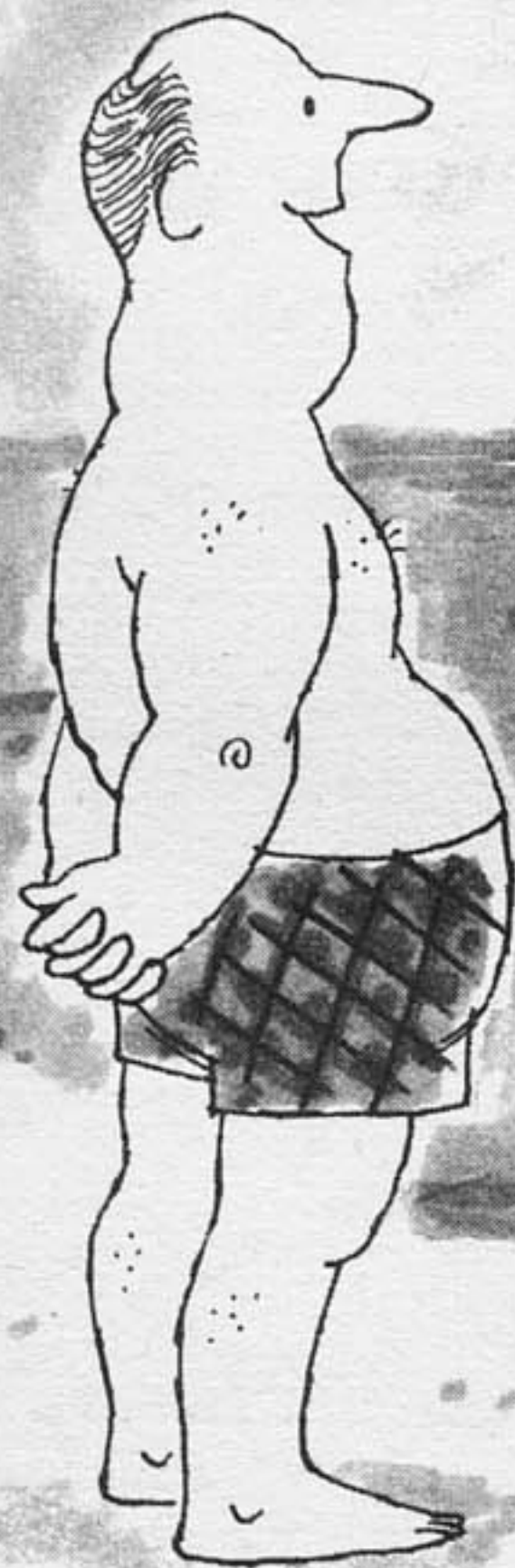
About **time** you
scofflaws got
what **you**
deserved.

ZAP



**MORE
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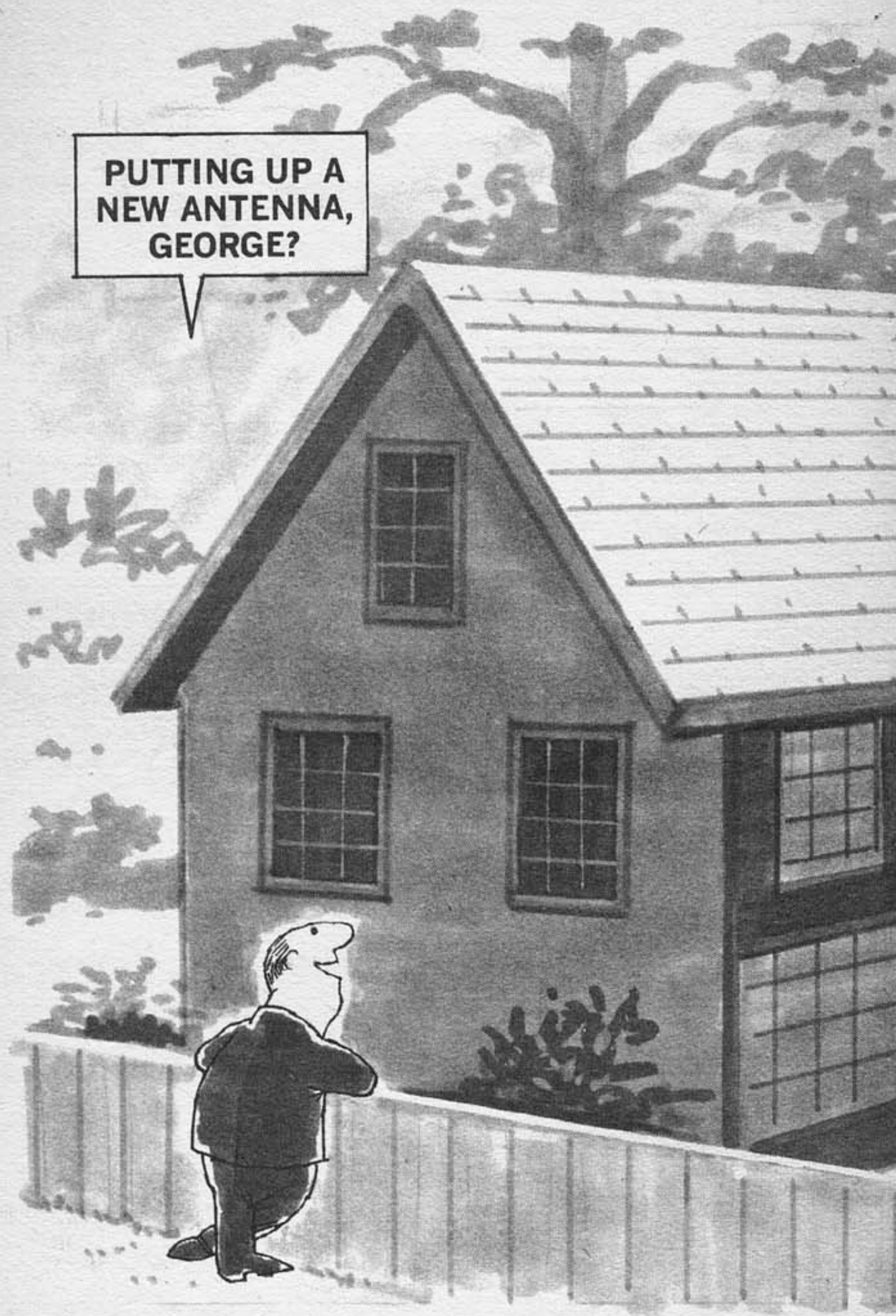
BEEN SWIMMING?



No, I've been out
walking my
pet fish.

No, this is the
way I launder
my shorts.

No, I strolled
over from Europe.

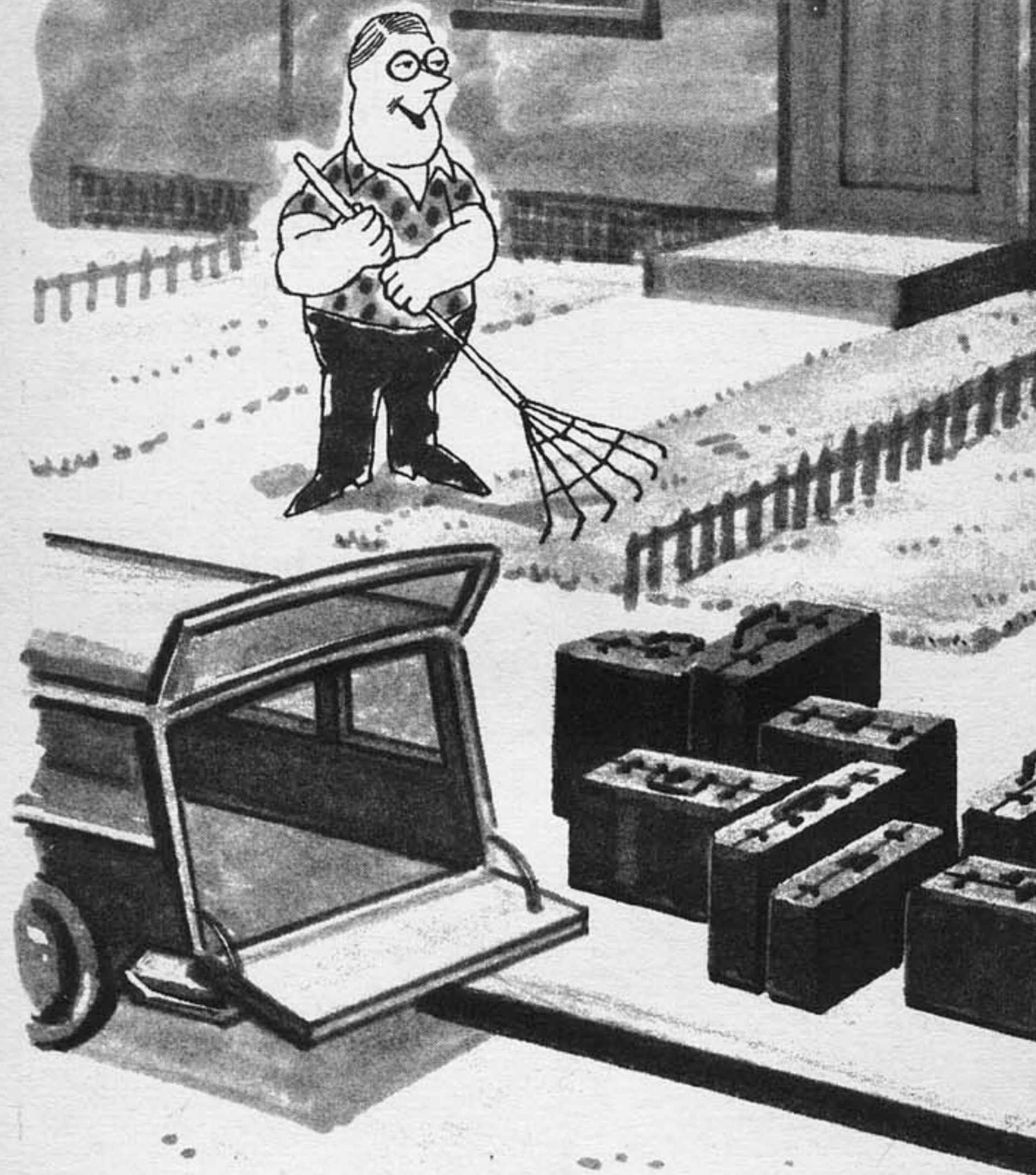


No, I'm installing a new **clothes drier** and this is the **only convenient spot** I could find.

No, I just acquired this piece of **modern sculpture** and I want to **share it** with the **whole neighborhood**.

No, I'm setting a **bird trap** to help **feed my cats**.

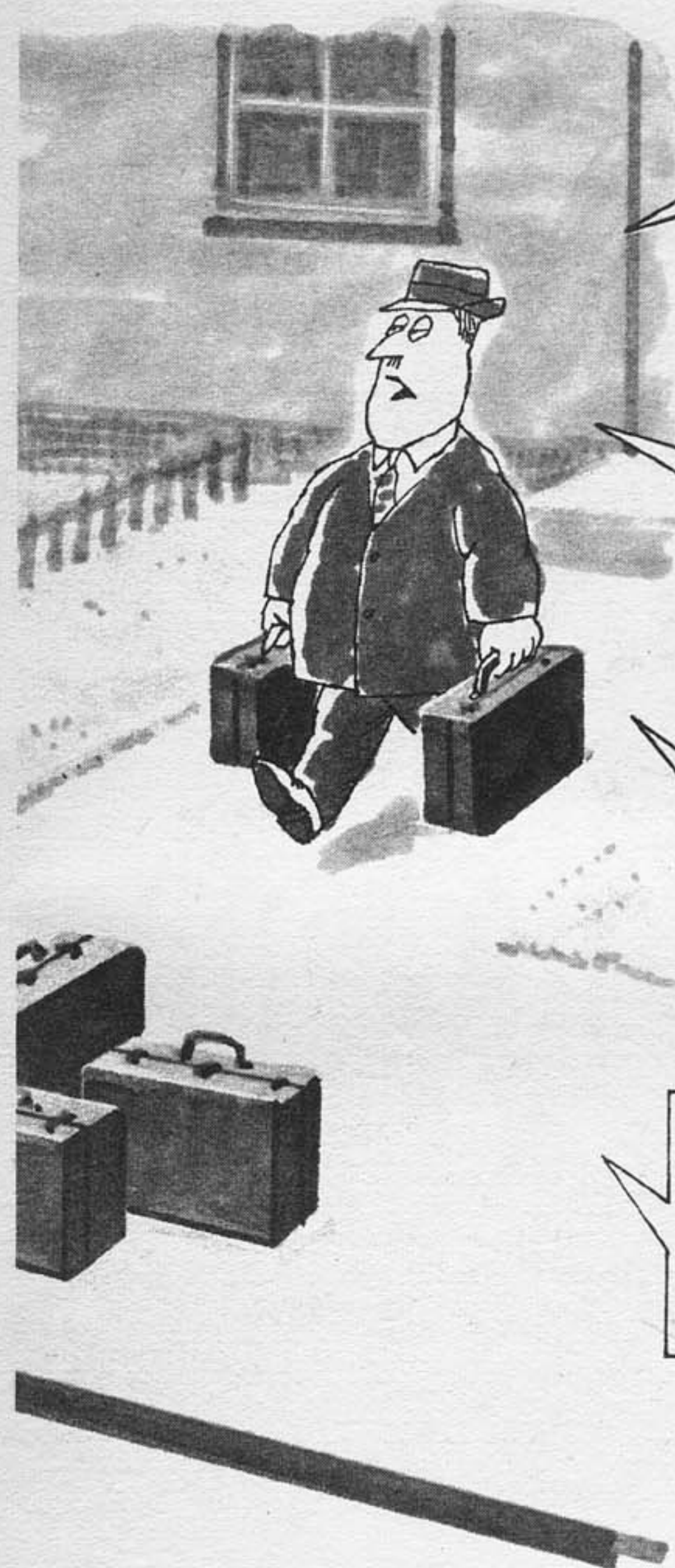
GOING ON A TRIP?



No, I'm starting a
sidewalk luggage
shop.

No, I'm a **gigolo**
and these are some
of the **old bags**
I have to take out.

No, I'm just taking
my **belongings** out
for a **drive**
in the **country**.



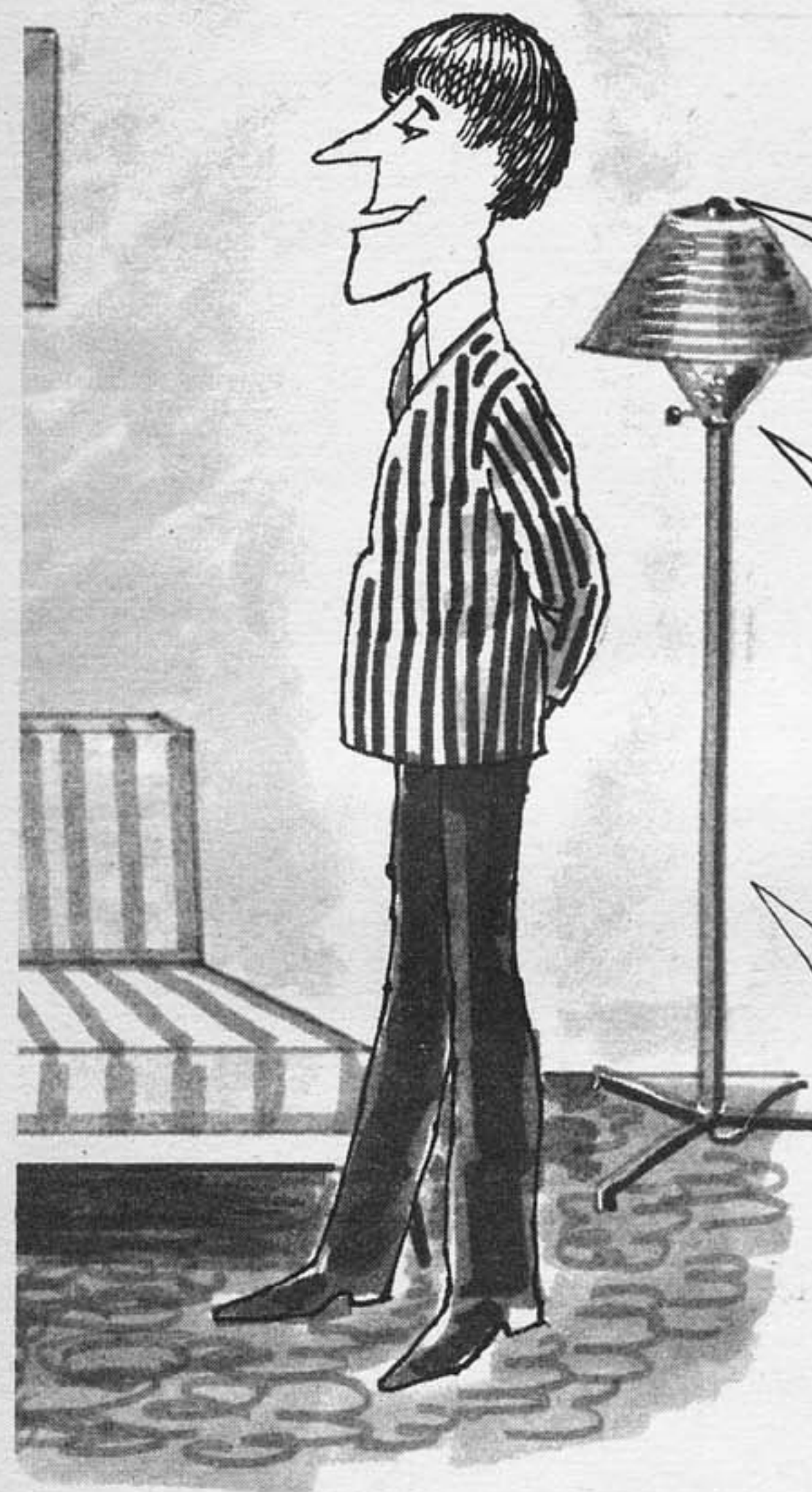
WHY DO YOU WANT
TO MARRY MY
DAUGHTER?

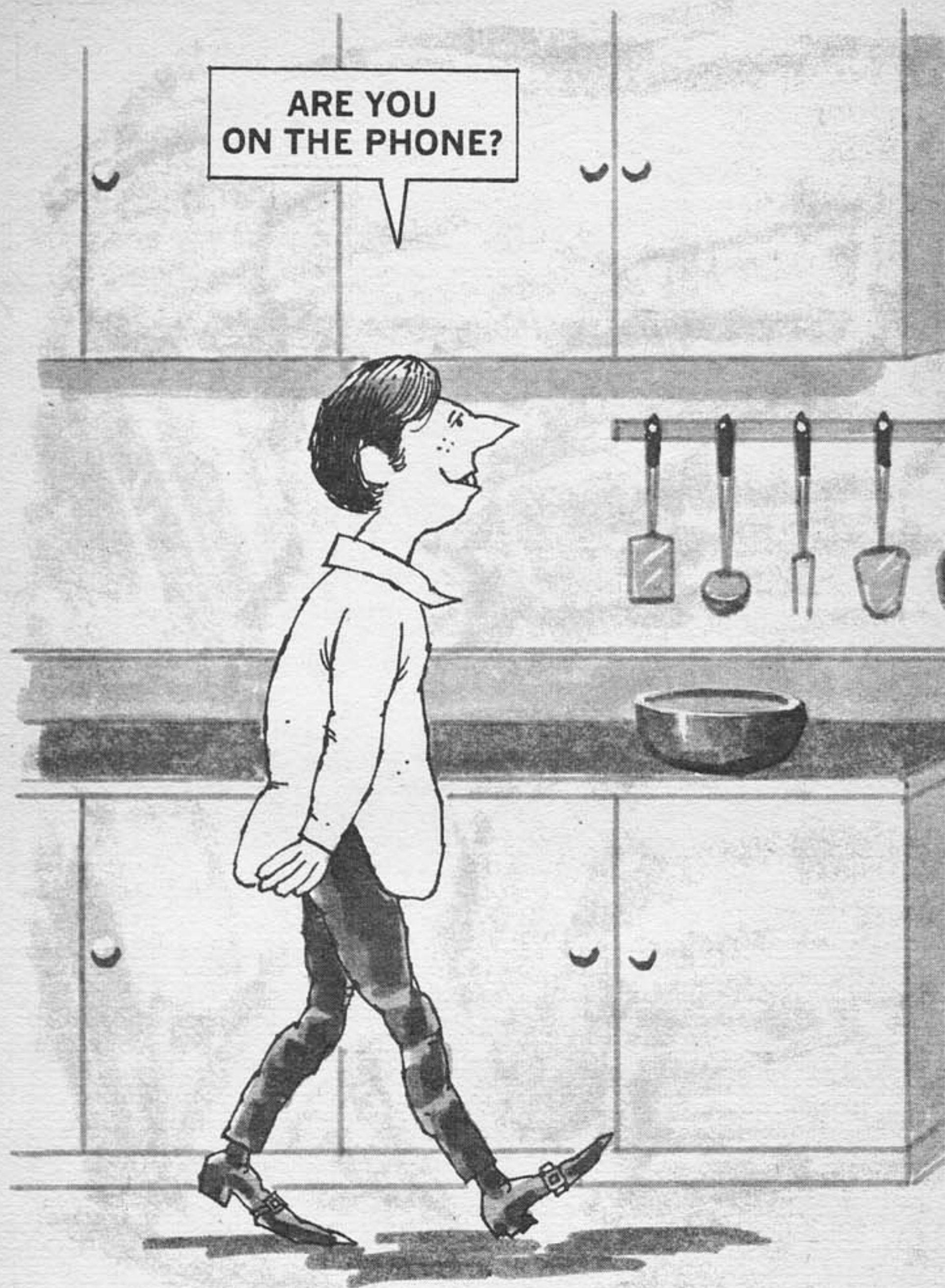


So I can get to
know you better,
sir.

Because your **son**
wouldn't have me.

That's **bad** if **you're**
wondering, **too.**





ARE YOU
ON THE PHONE?

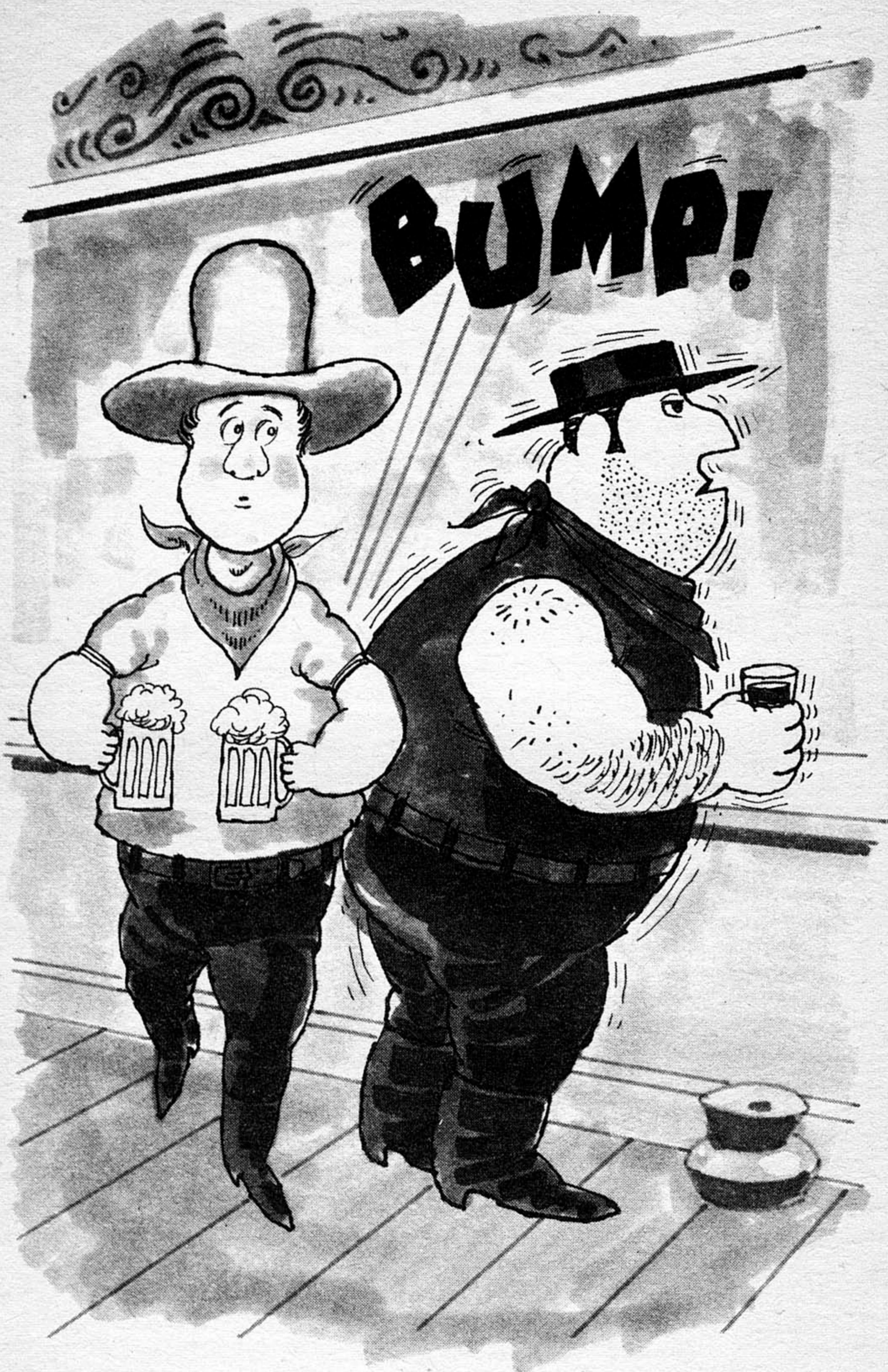


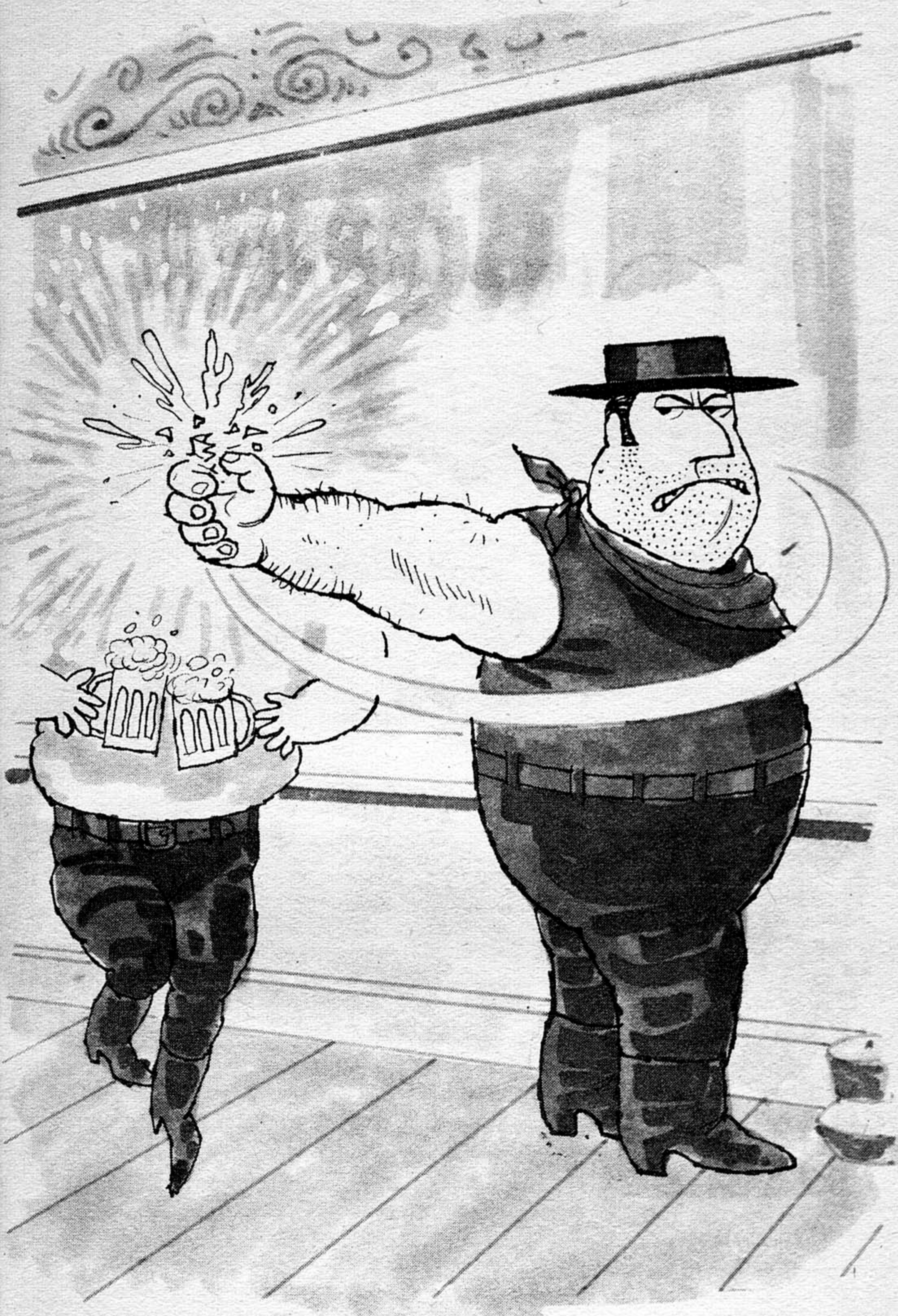
No, I'm **digging wax**
out of **my ear** with
this lovely
plastic scoop.

No, this is a **dumbbell**
and I'm doing
arm exercises.

No, I'm
talking to myself
through this
"U" shaped tube.

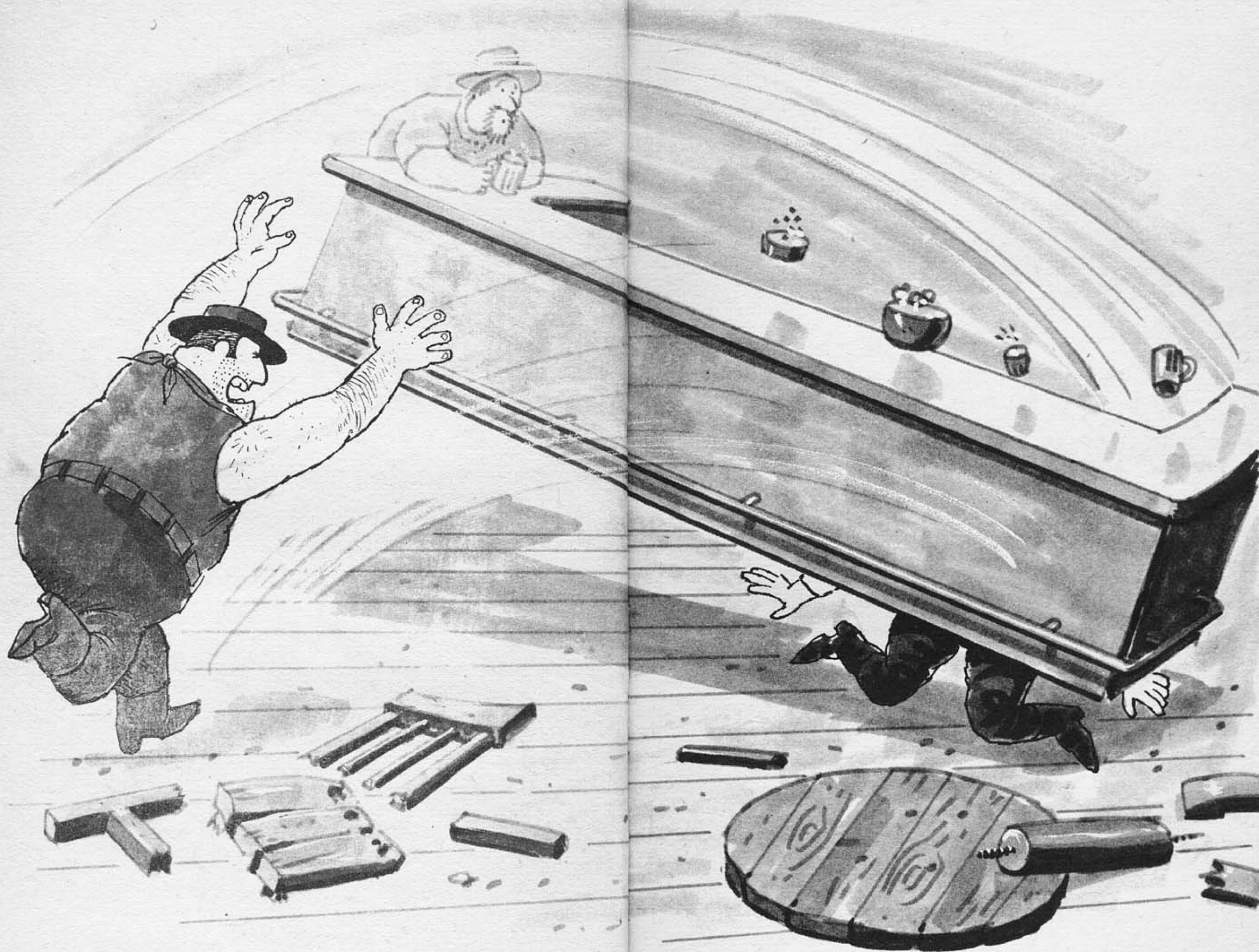
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GOES WEST**





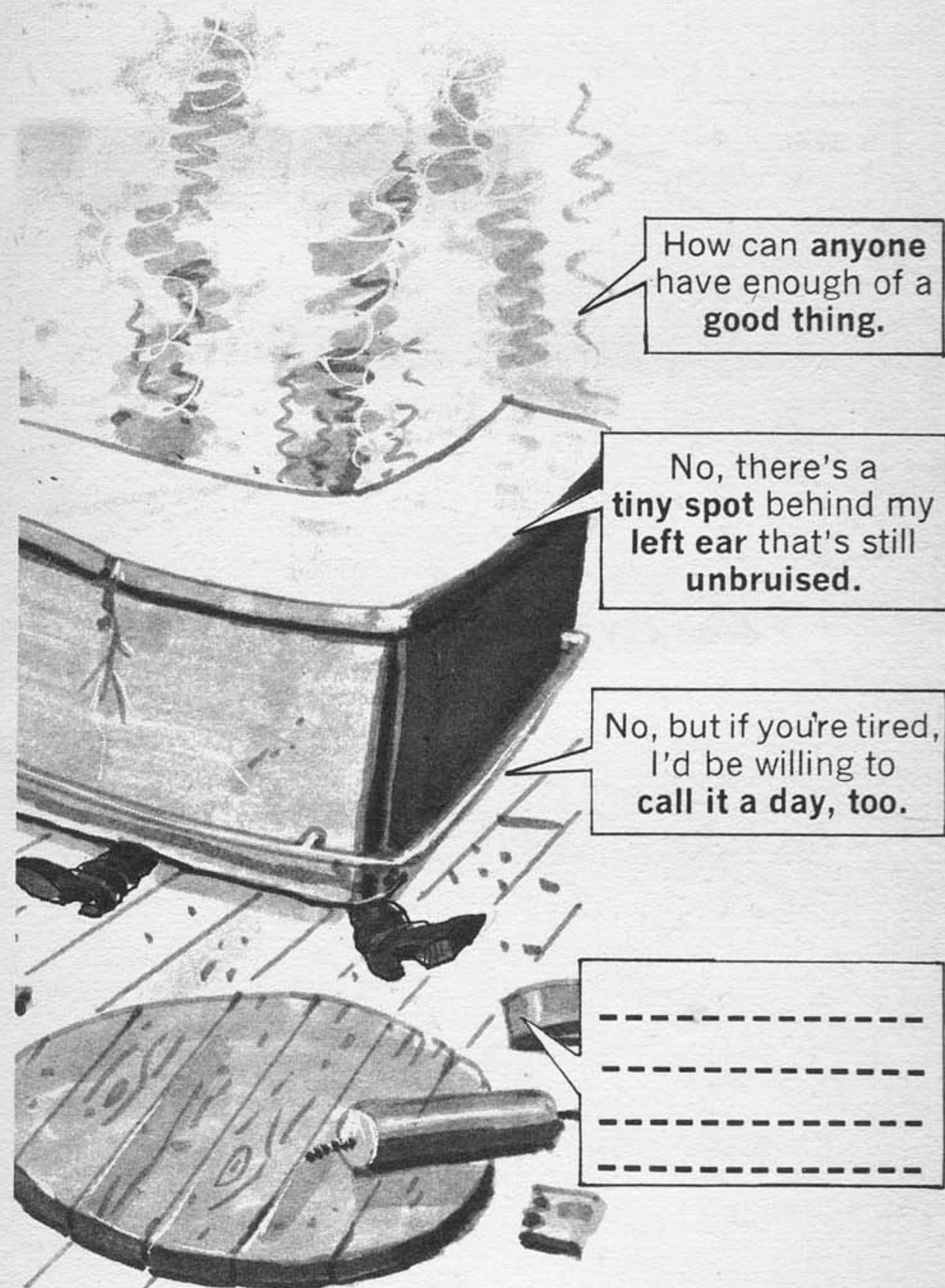








HAD ENOUGH?



How can **anyone** have enough of a **good thing**.

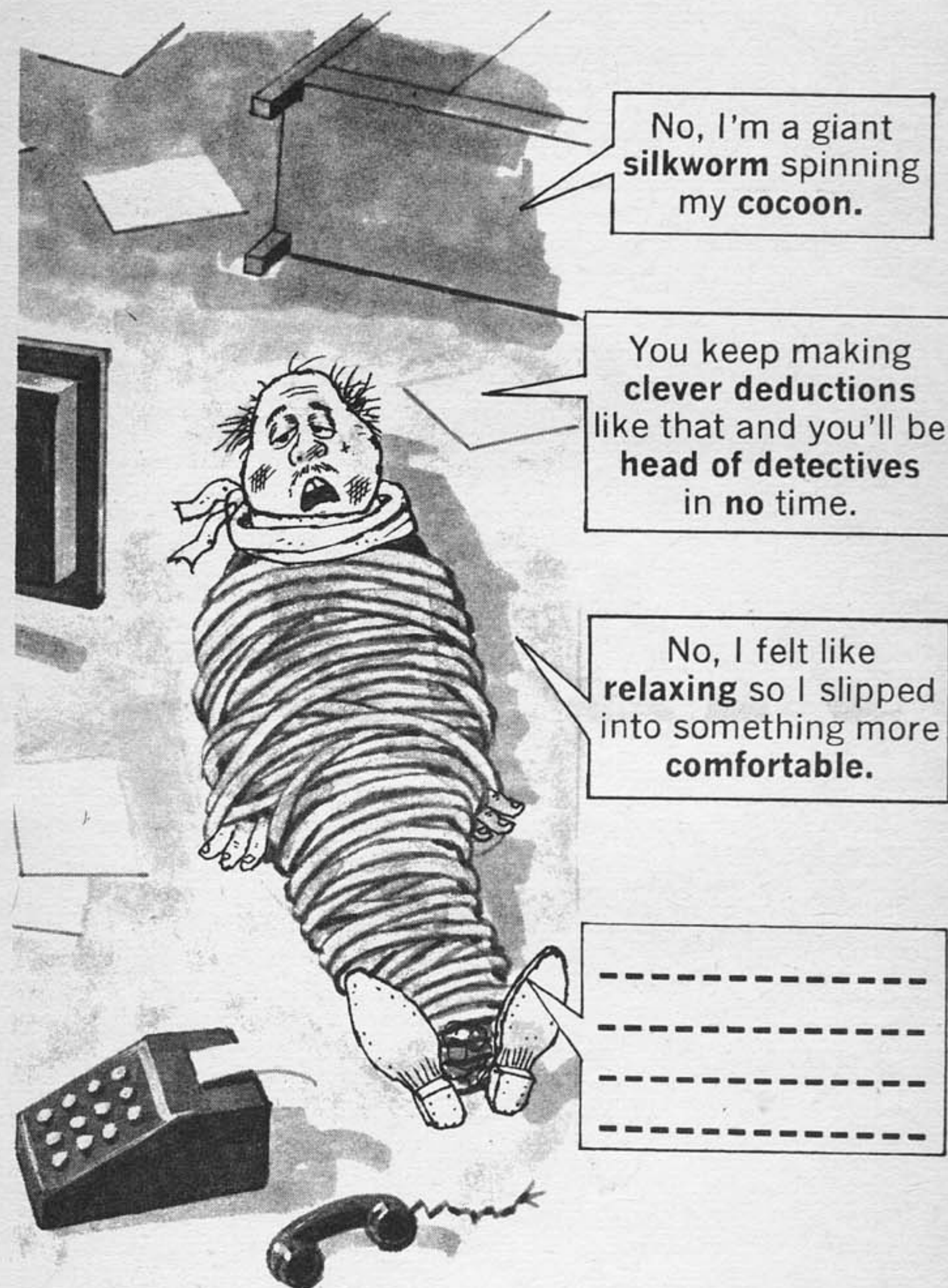
No, there's a **tiny spot** behind my **left ear** that's still **unbruised**.

No, but if you're tired, I'd be willing to call it a **day**, too.

**STILL MORE
"SNAPPY ANSWERS
TO STUPID QUESTIONS"**



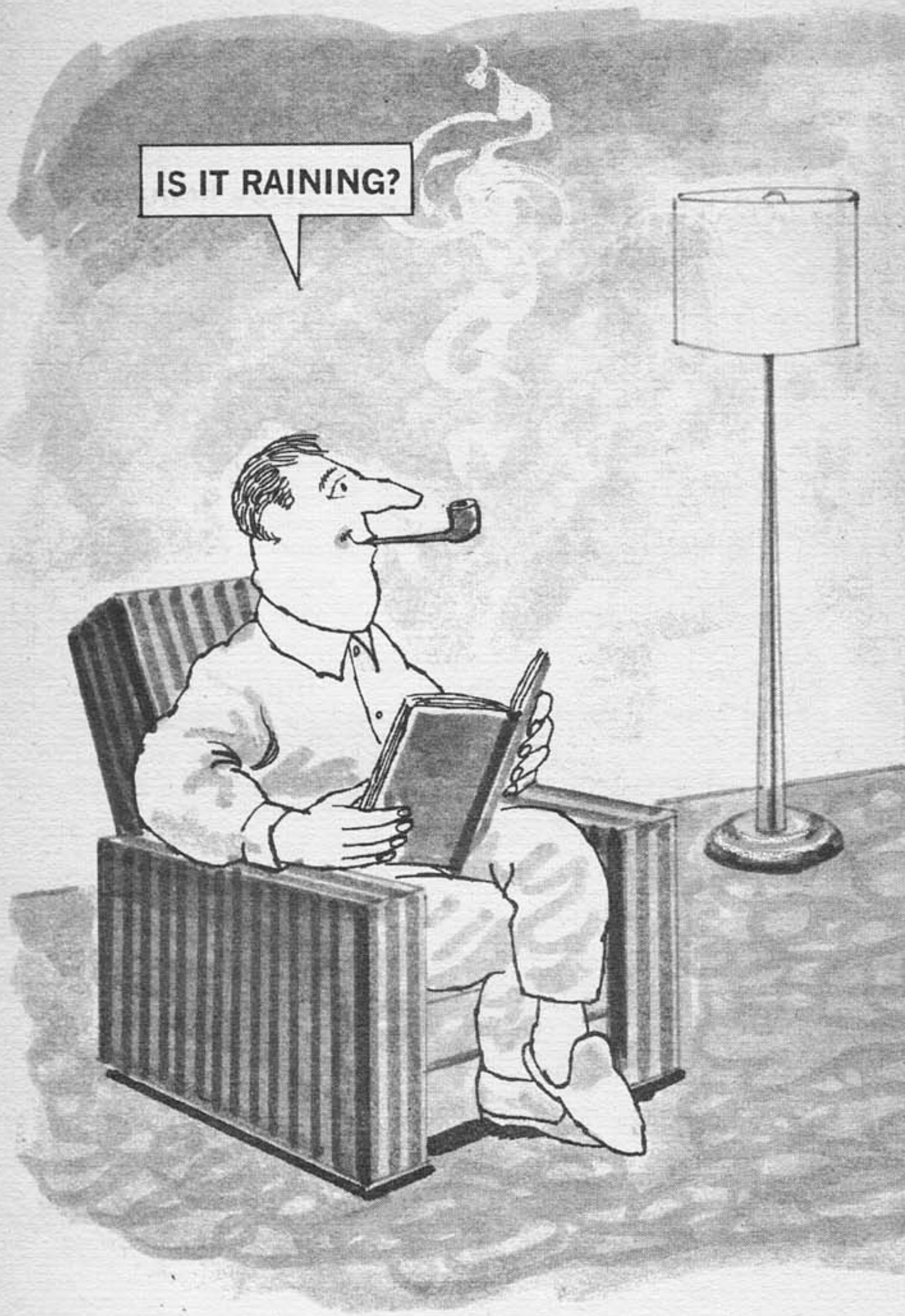
WERE YOU HELD UP?



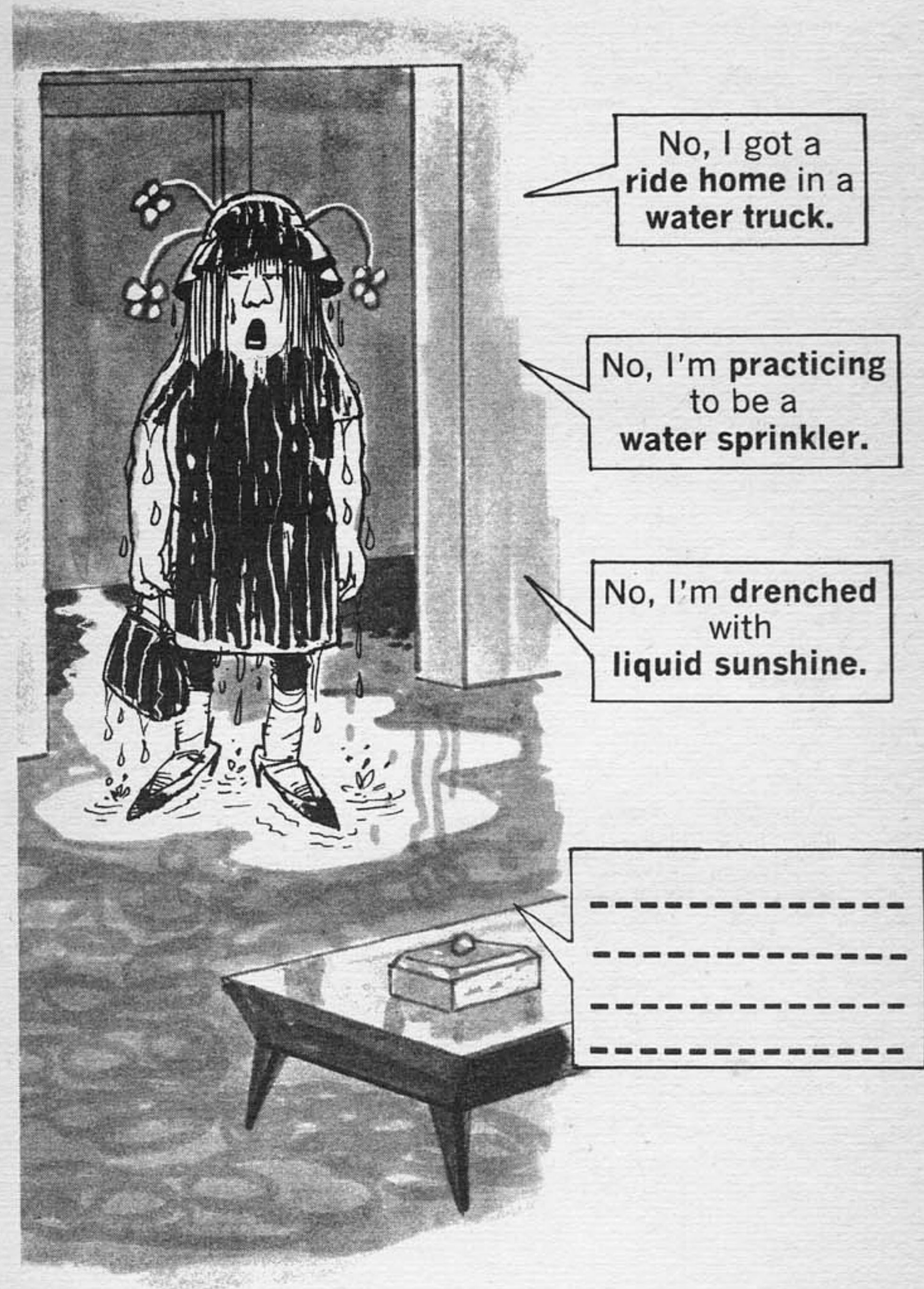
No, I'm a giant
silkworm spinning
my **cocoon**.

You keep making
clever deductions
like that and you'll be
head of detectives
in **no time**.

No, I felt like
relaxing so I slipped
into something more
comfortable.



IS IT RAINING?



No, I got a
ride home in a
water truck.

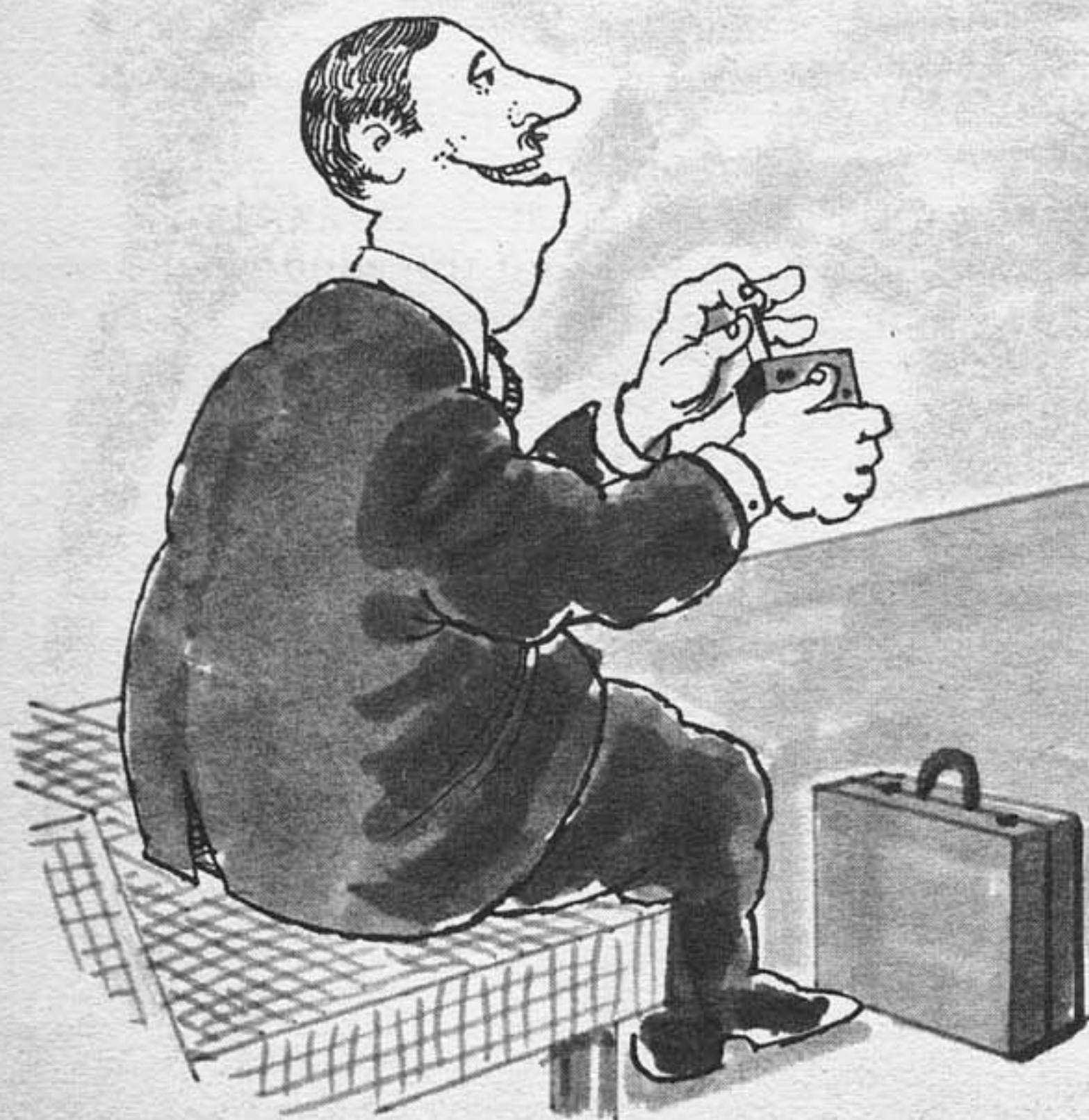
No, I'm practicing
to be a
water sprinkler.

No, I'm drenched
with
liquid sunshine.

NO SMOKING

IS IT OKAY TO SMOKE?

**POSITIVELY
NO
SMOKING
ALLOWED**



TOBACCO
SMI. CO

Why? Are you on fire.

Yes, the signs don't apply to illiterates.

Yes, if you have a **seventy-five foot cigarette** and keep the **lighted end** out the **window** at the end of the hall.



IS IT SAFE?

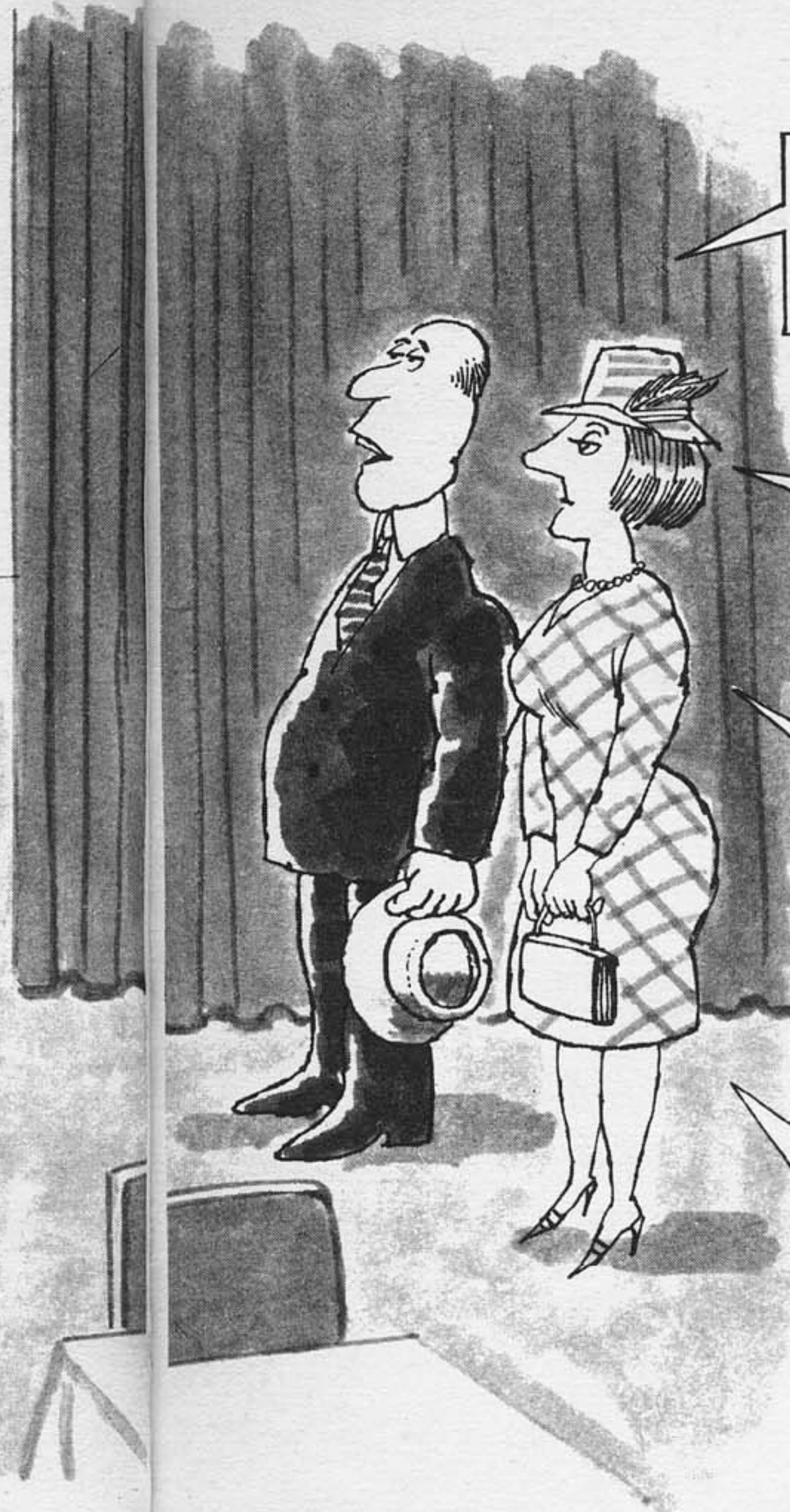
No, we're doing
our part to **reverse**
the
population explosion.

No, but we have
plenty of **other drugs**
that will **take care**
of **whatever**
trouble it causes.

We've **never** had
any complaints from
the people who've
taken it — **God**
rest their souls.

RESTAURANT

TABLE FOR
HOW MANY?



A hundred and twelve
—we like to
change seats
every few minutes.

One—my wife
will **sit** on my
shoulders.

I don't know—
I can't **count**
that high, **either**.

INNOVATION
SOCIETY OF THE
FUTURE

**A
"SNAPPY ANSWER
TO SOME
STUPID QUESTIONS"
THAT BACKFIRED**

**ZIGLVEIT B.
SHTOONK**

Are you
Ziglveit B.
Shtoonk?



No, I'm
Rock Hudson—I use
"Ziglveit B. Shtoonk"
because it's
easier to remember.

ZIGLVEIT B. SHTOONK



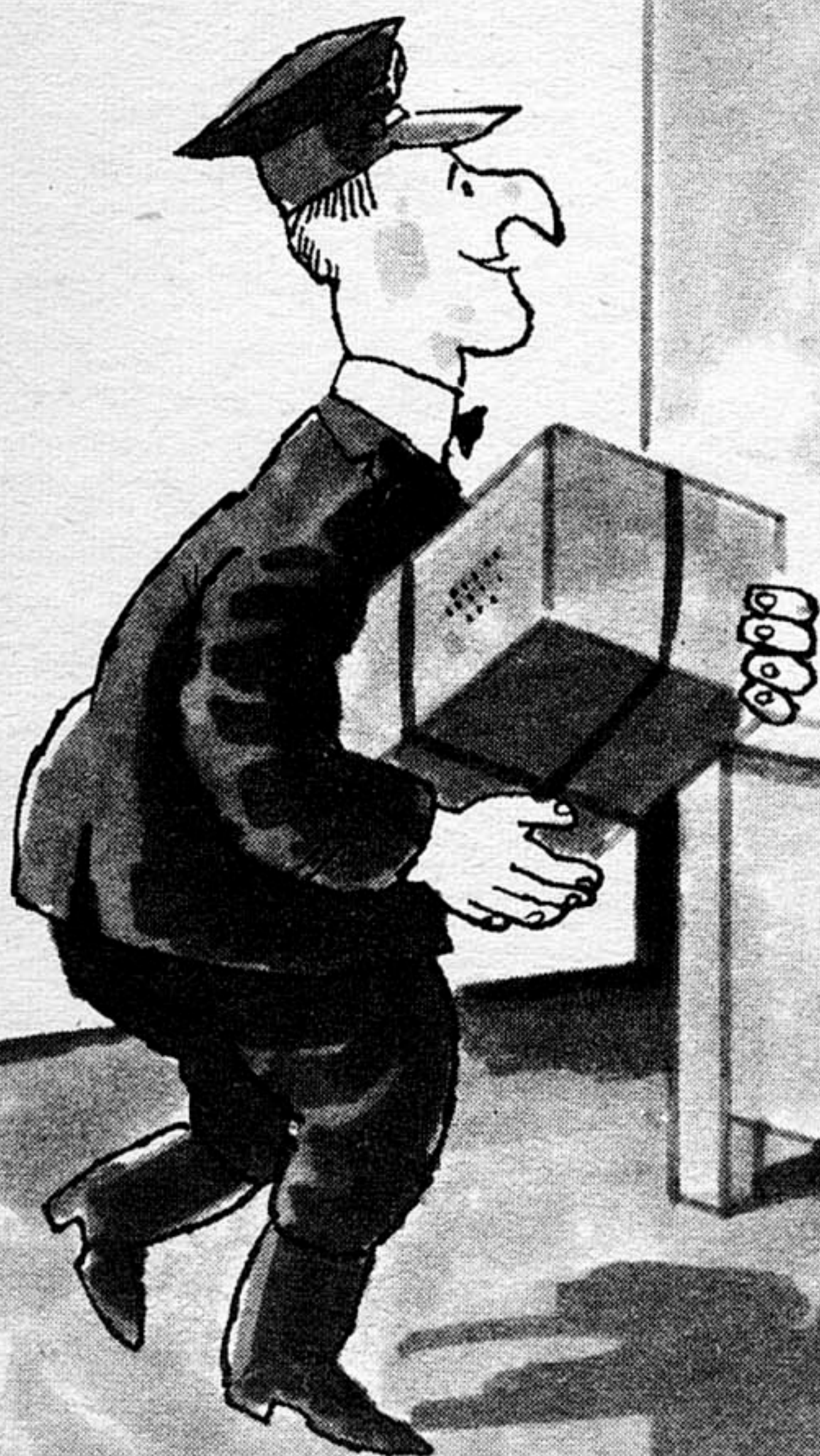
Here's your
coffee wise guy.



Are you
**Ziglveit B.
Shtoonk?**

No, I'm
Rock Hudson—I use
"Ziglveit B. Shtoonk"
because it's
easier to pronounce.

**ZIGLVEIT B.
SHTOONK**



Here's your
package,
smart alec.



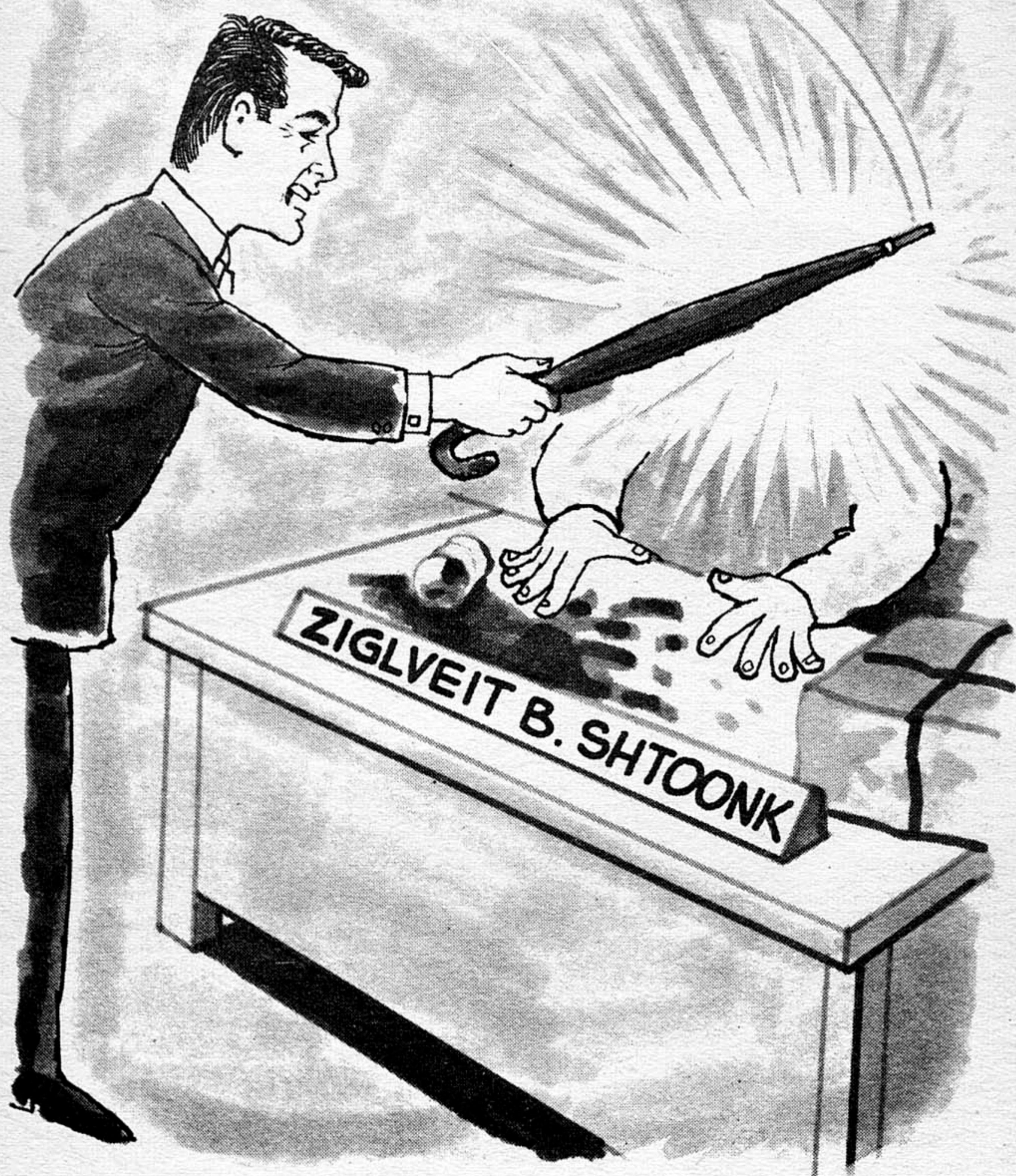
Are you
**Ziglveit B.
Shtoonk?**

**YES—YES—
I'M ZIGLVEIT B.
SHTOONK.**

**ZIGLVEIT B.
SHTOONK**



WELL I'M
ROCK HUDSON.



**BACK TO
THOSE PLAIN (YECCH)
"SNAPPY ANSWERS
TO STUPID QUESTIONS"**

ARE YOU GOING
OUT IN THIS
KIND OF
WEATHER?



No, I'm going out
and **change** it into
some **other** kind
of weather.

No, I'm going to
bed but I decided to
wear my foul
weather gear
instead of **pajamas**
just in case the
roof blows off.

No, I'm going to
stand here all
dressed up and wait
for **this kind of**
weather to come
in here.



LOSE SOMETHING?



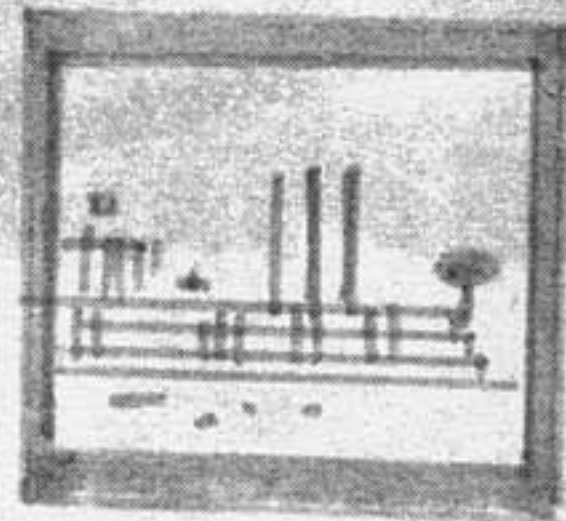
No, I'm grazing.

No, I'm an
**International
Marbles Champ**
practising for a
big match.

No, I'm the world's
only pearl diver
who works on
dry land.



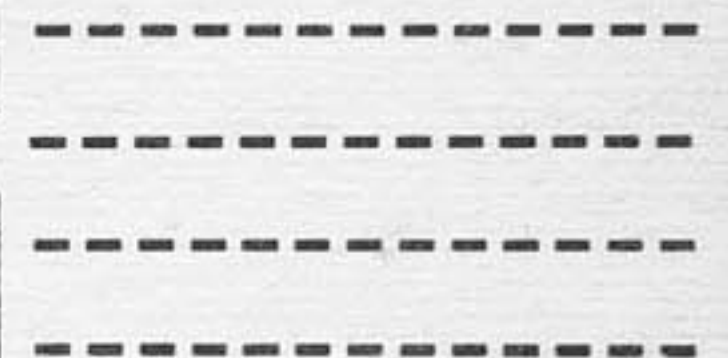
WILL YOU TAKE
A LETTER,
MISS FORBUSH?



Okay! How about
the letter "Q"?

I think you have
me **confused**
with the
mailman.

No, I brought this
pad and **pencil** in to
sketch your portrait.





WHAT'S NEW?



We're getting an
American League
Football Franchise.

I'll tell you
only if you swear not
to tell **anyone** else.

I'm going to
be **married.**



No, **today** we're **giving tickets** out for doing things **right**.

No, I just got **tired** of lugging these heavy summonses around so I decided to **give** some of them away.

No, I'm giving a ticket to this **crazy street** because **it's** going the **wrong way**.

**AN
OUT OF THIS WORLD
SNAPPY ANSWER
TO A STUPID QUESTION**

ATTEMPT LINK-UP SPACE TODAY



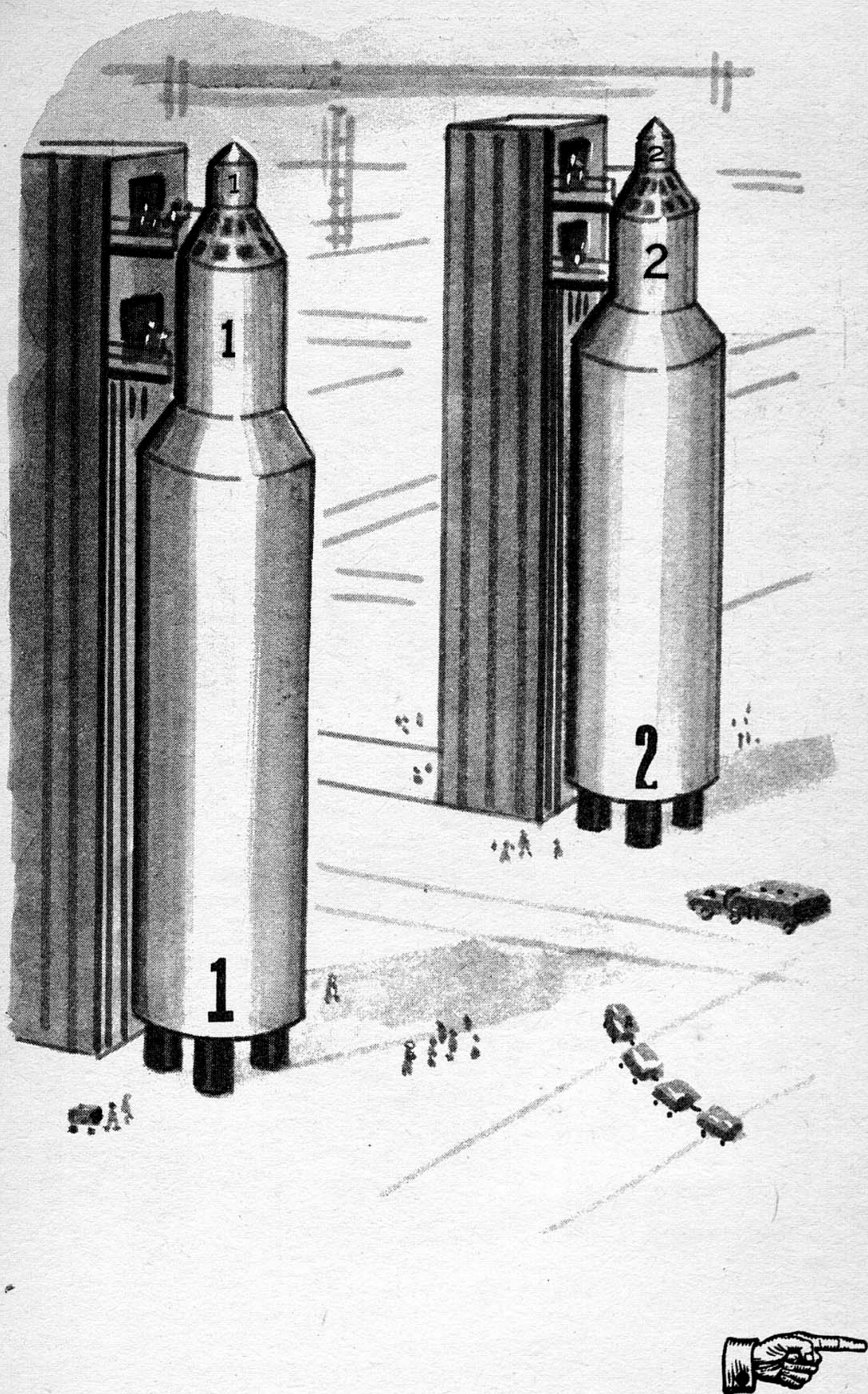
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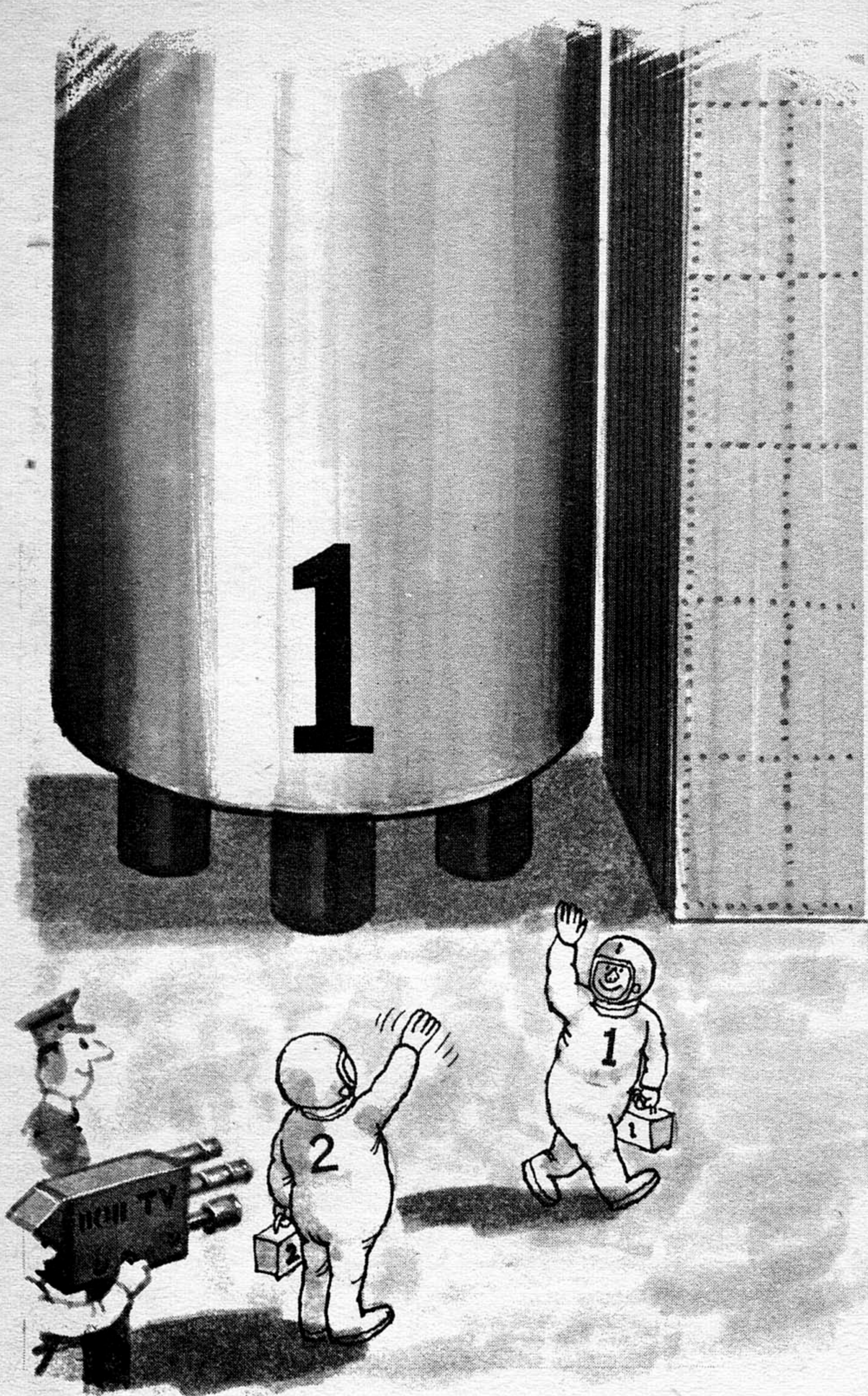


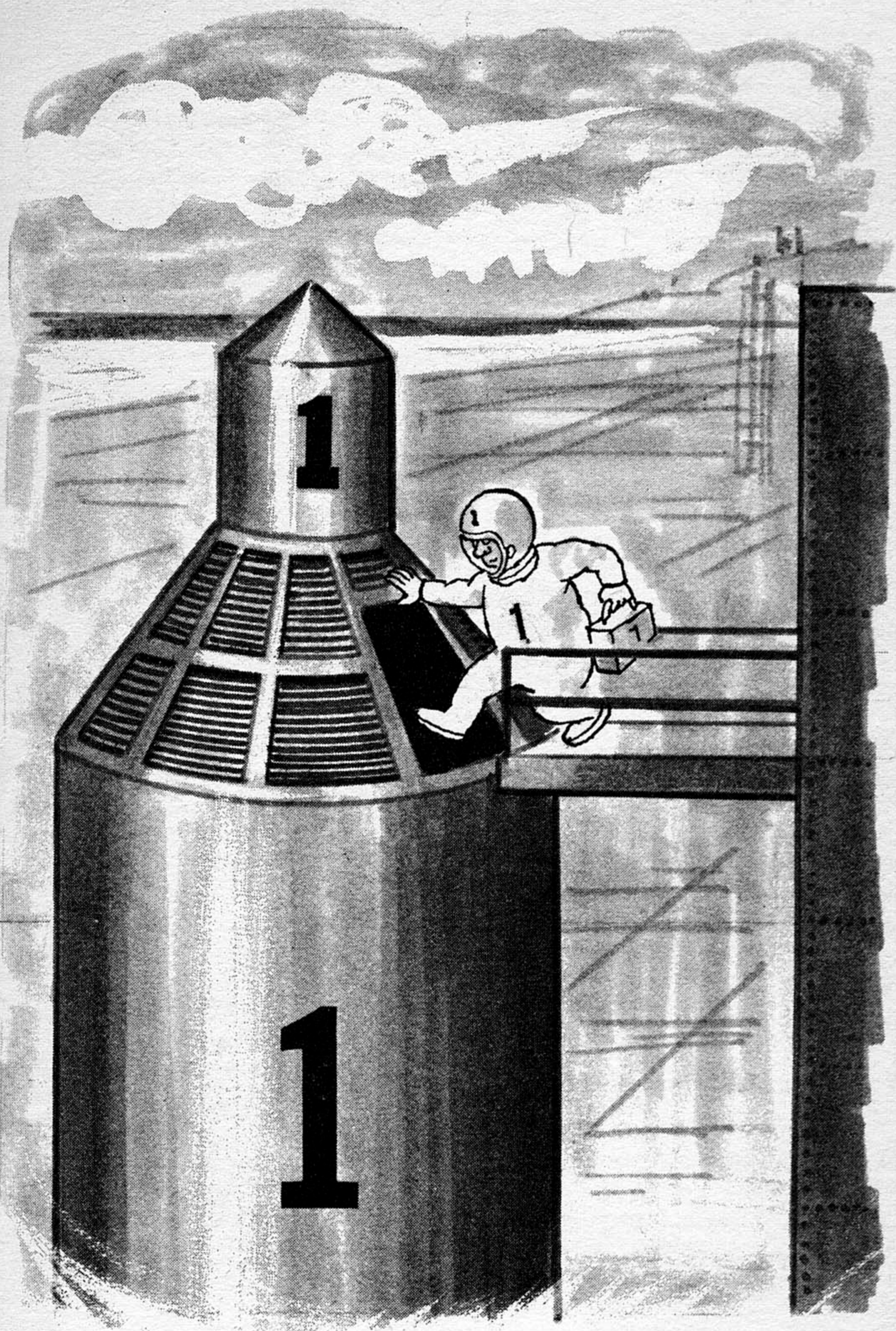
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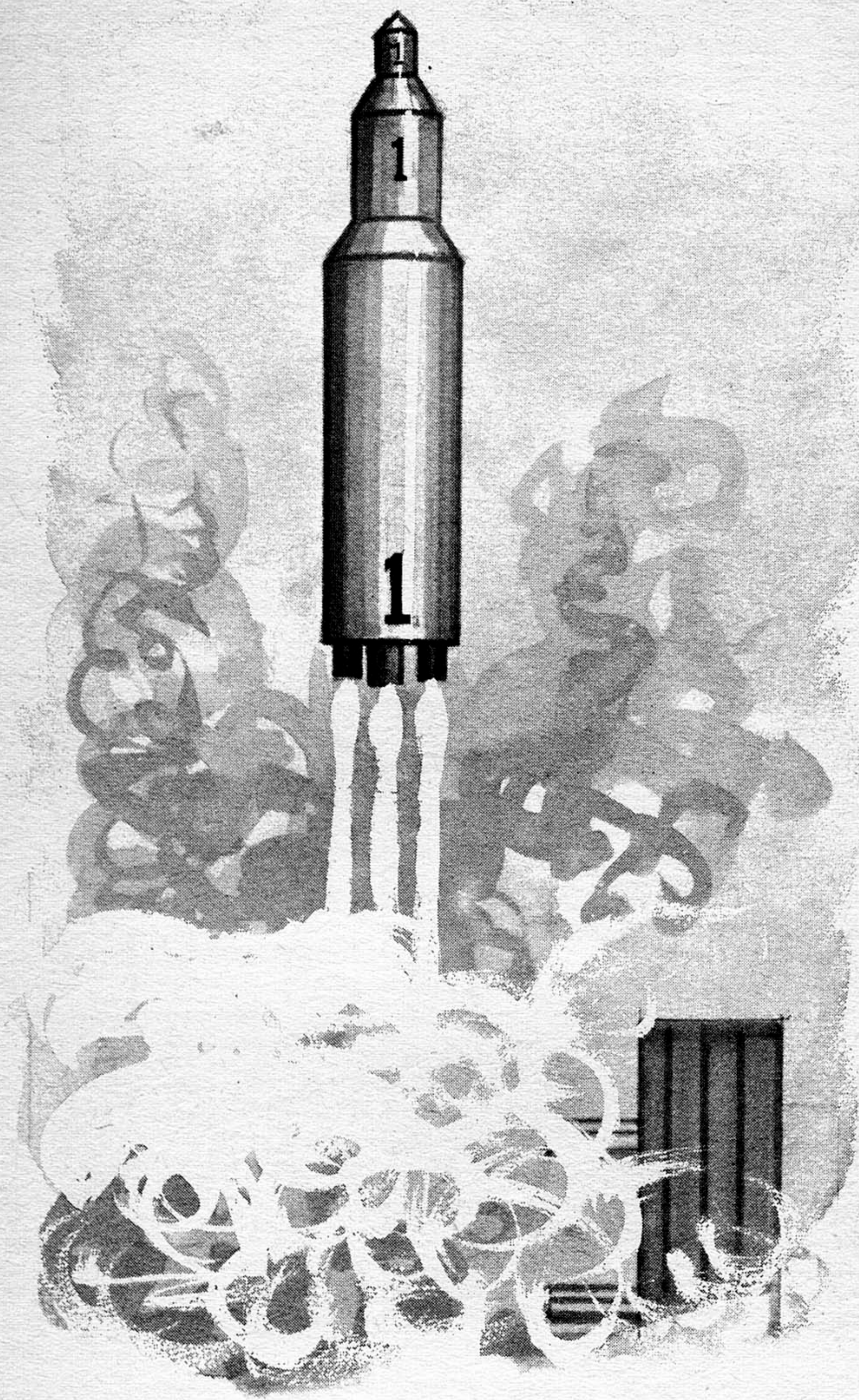
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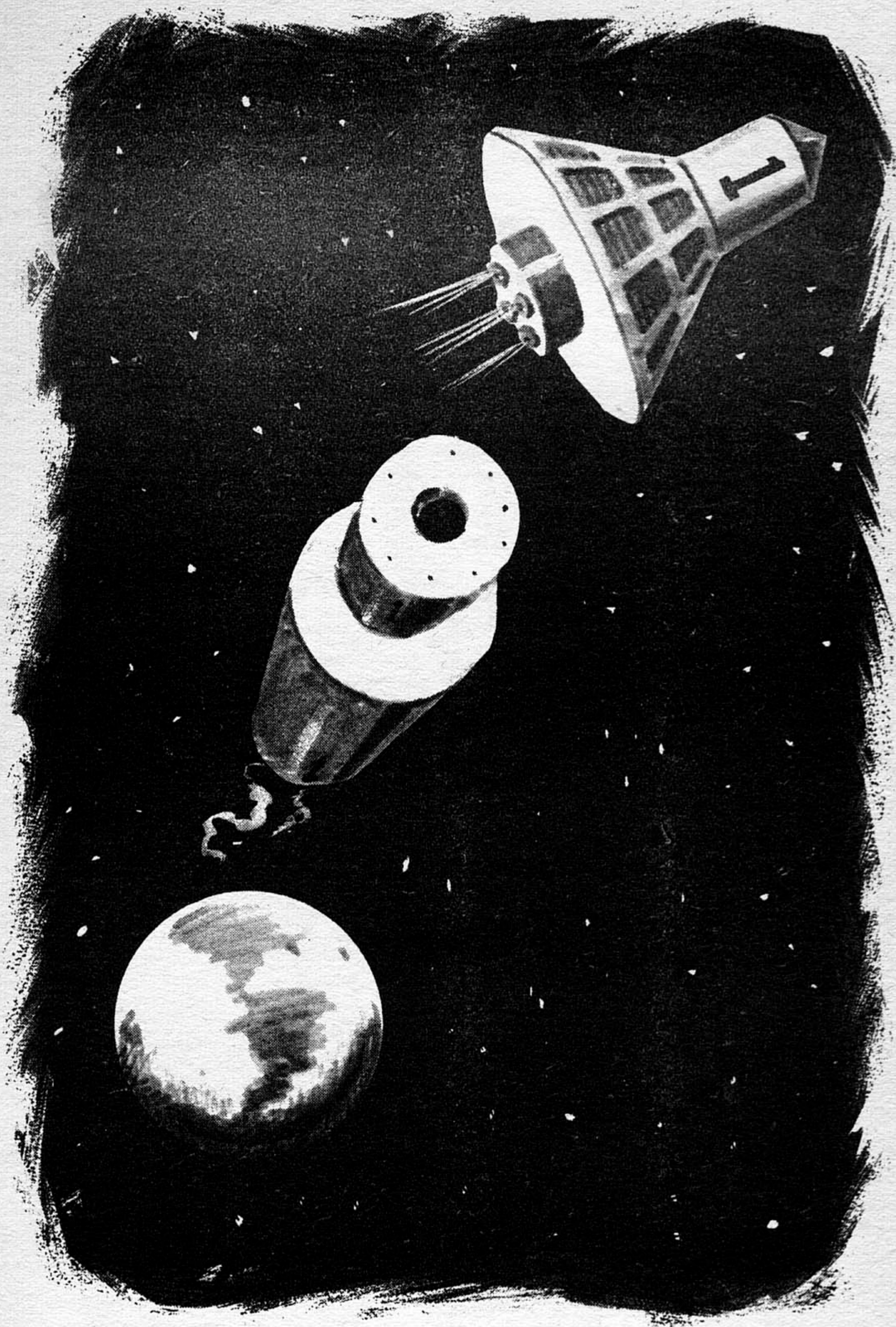
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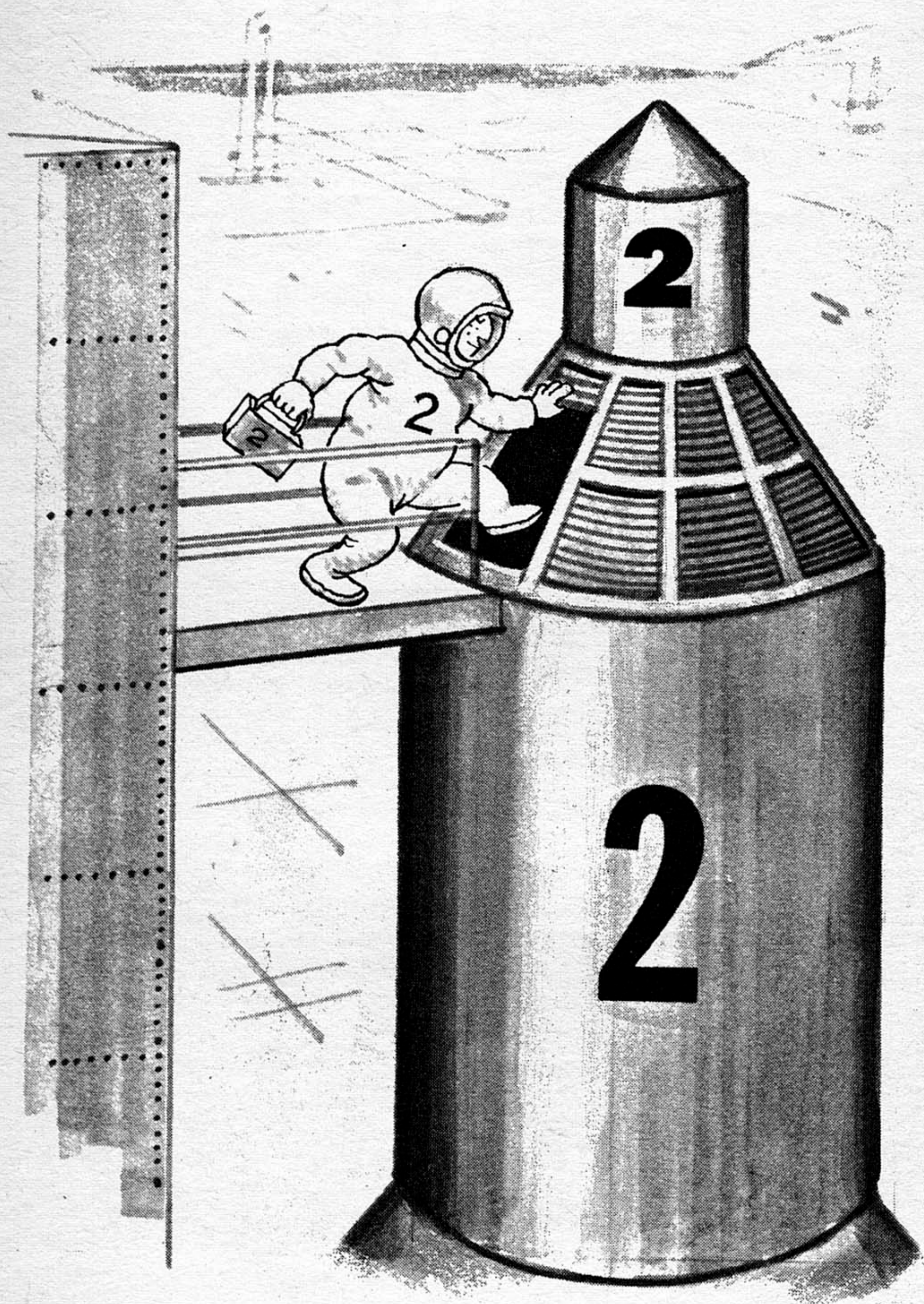


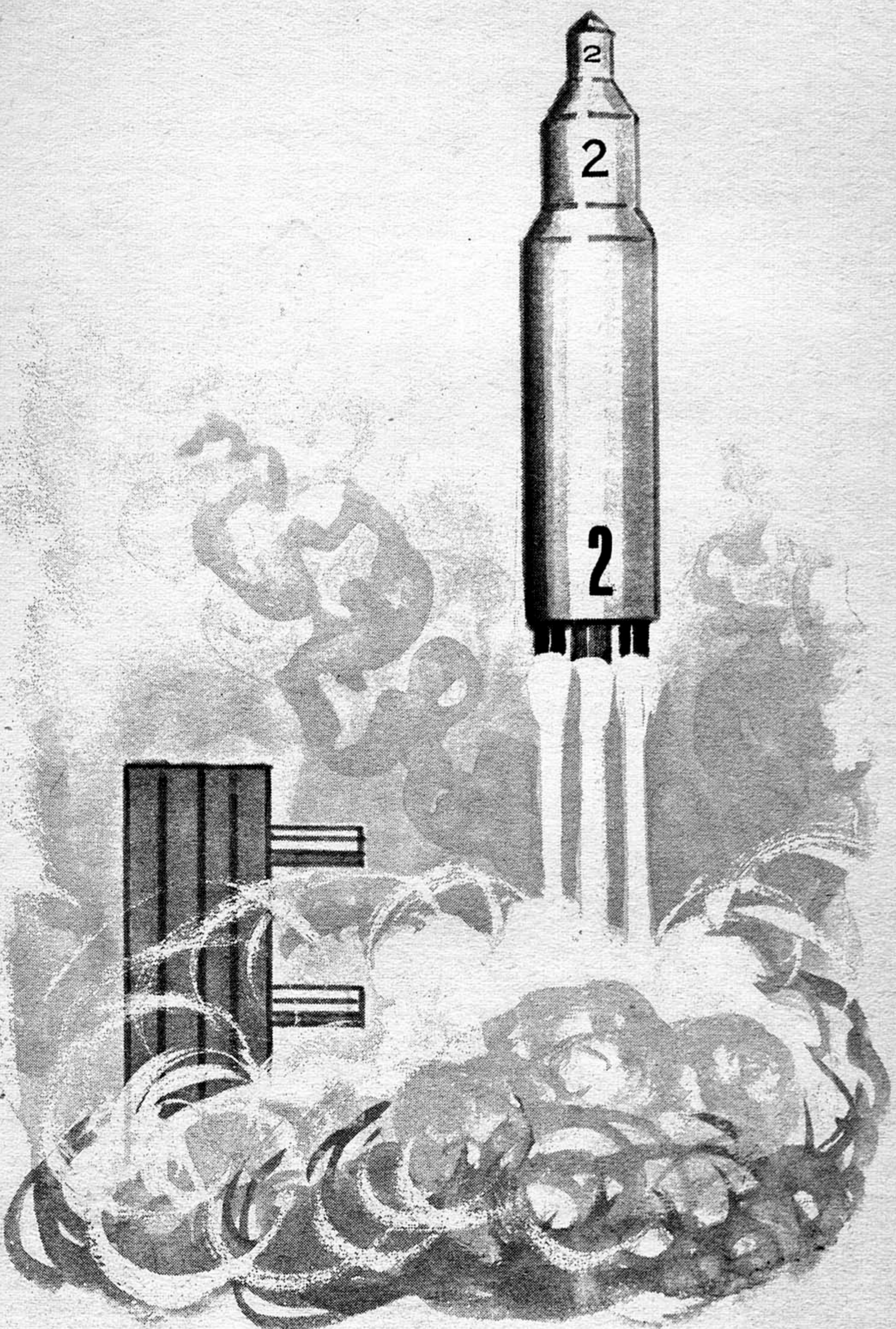


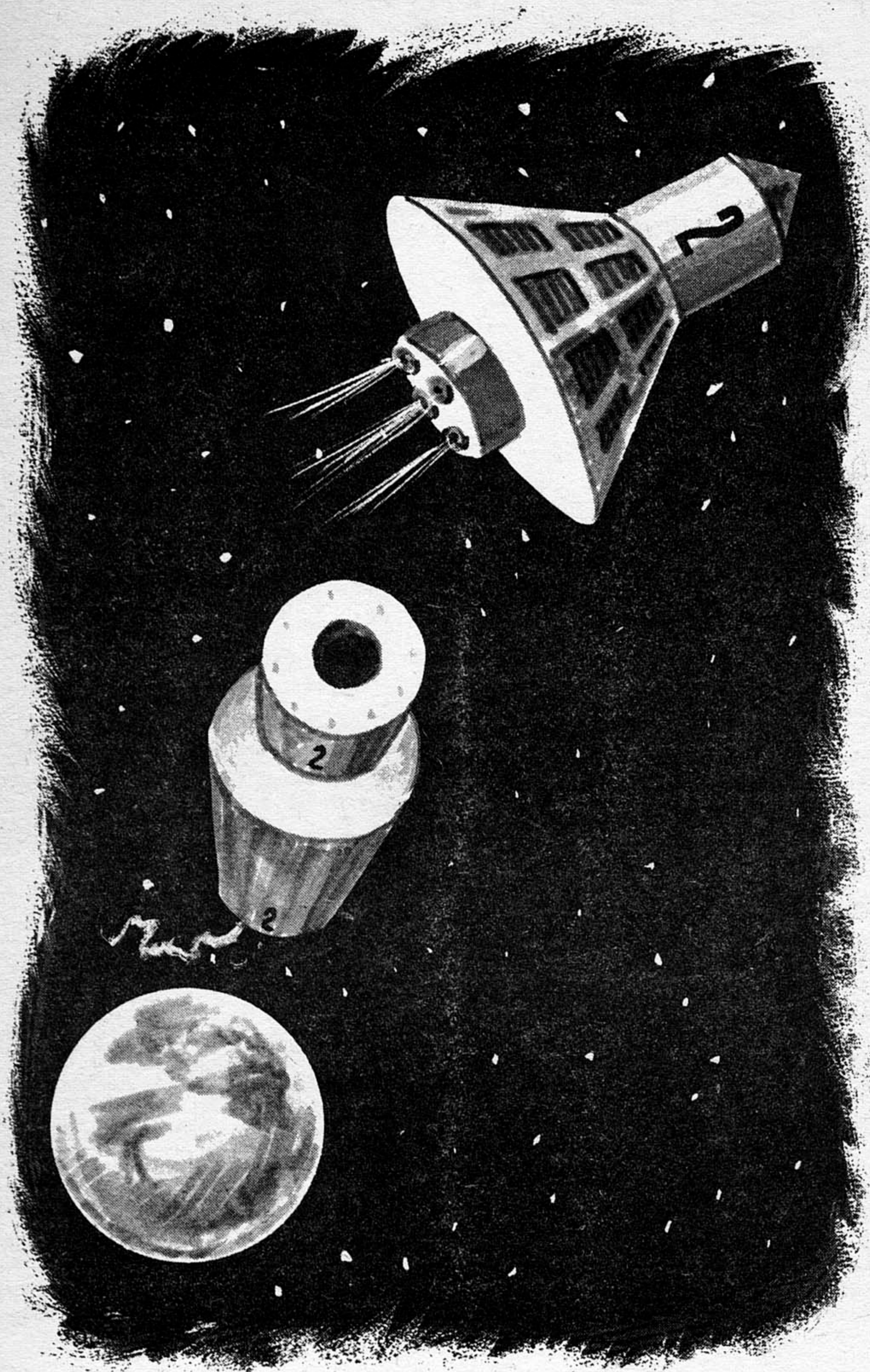


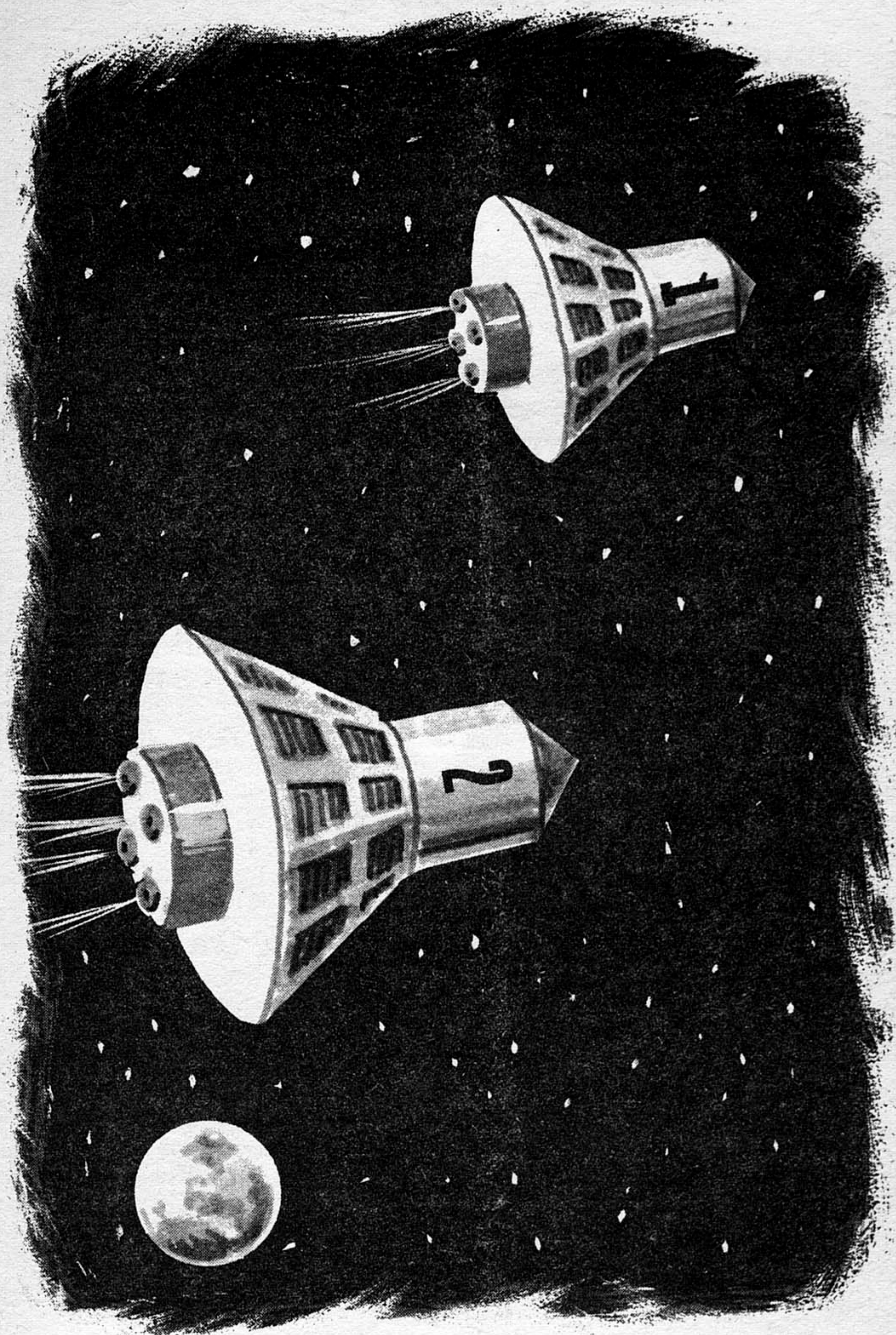






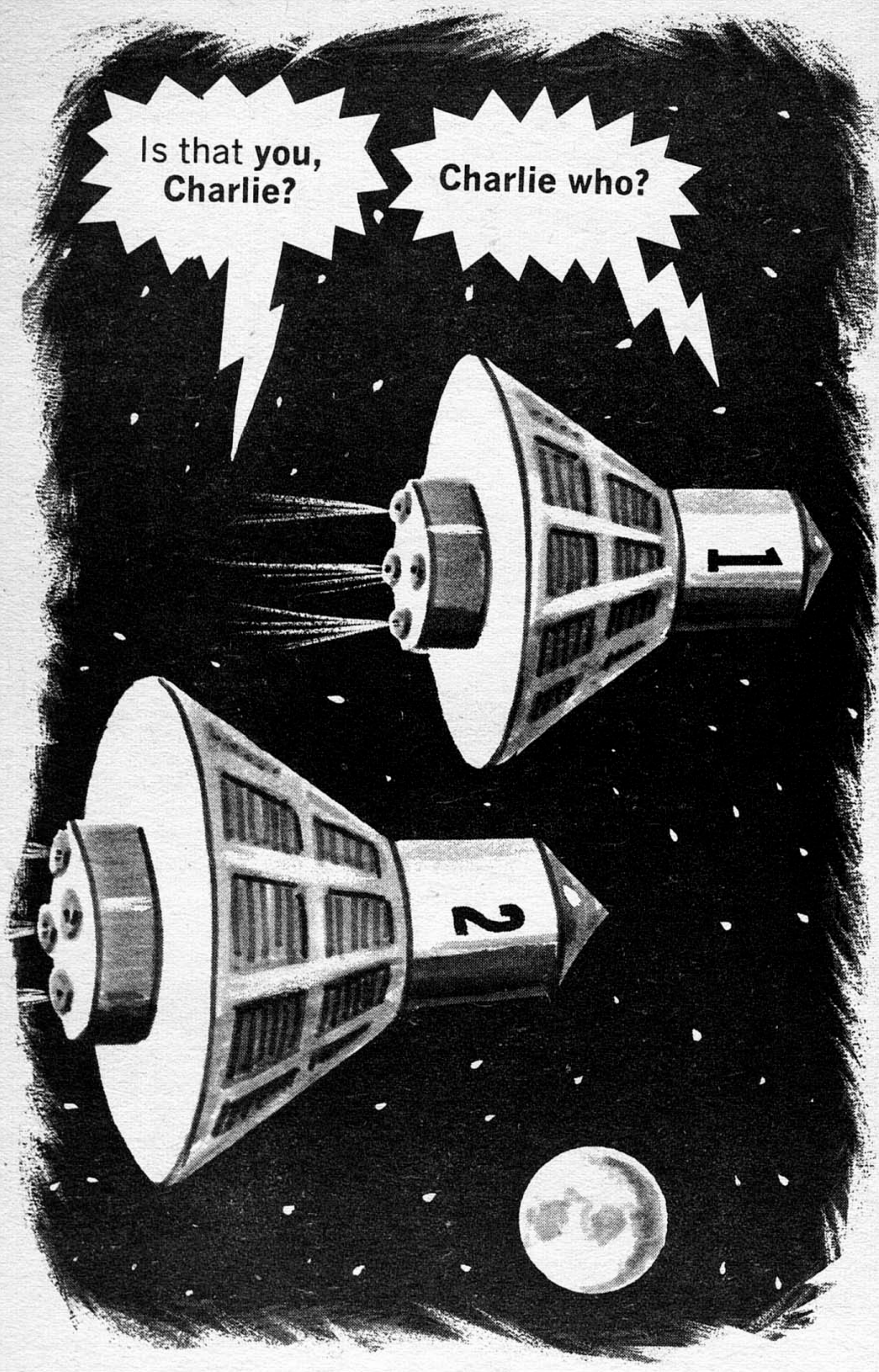




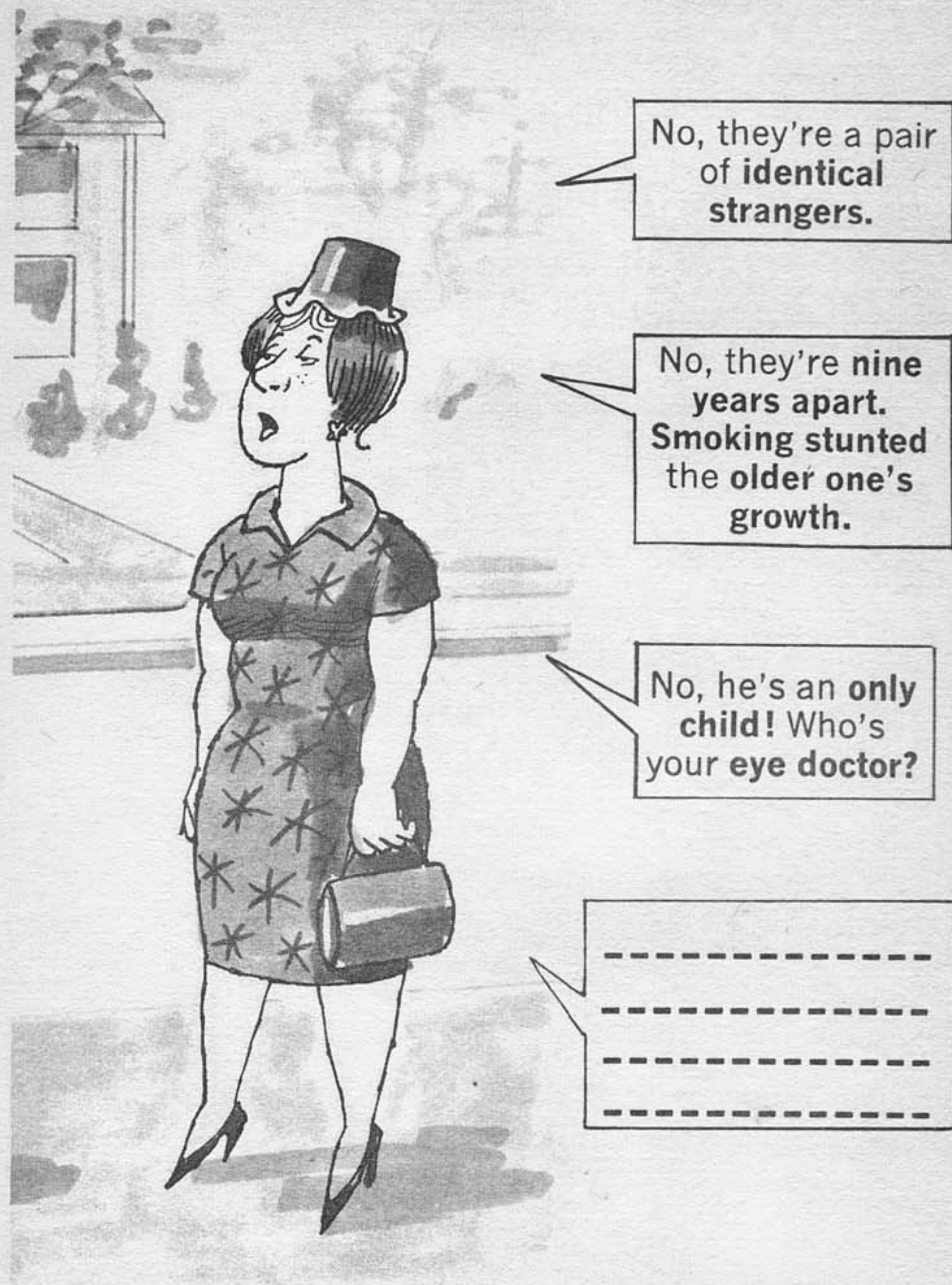


Is that you,
Charlie?

Charlie who?



**BACK TO
STILL MORE (YECCH)
"SNAPPY ANSWERS
TO STUPID QUESTIONS"**



TRYING TO BREAK
OUT, EH?

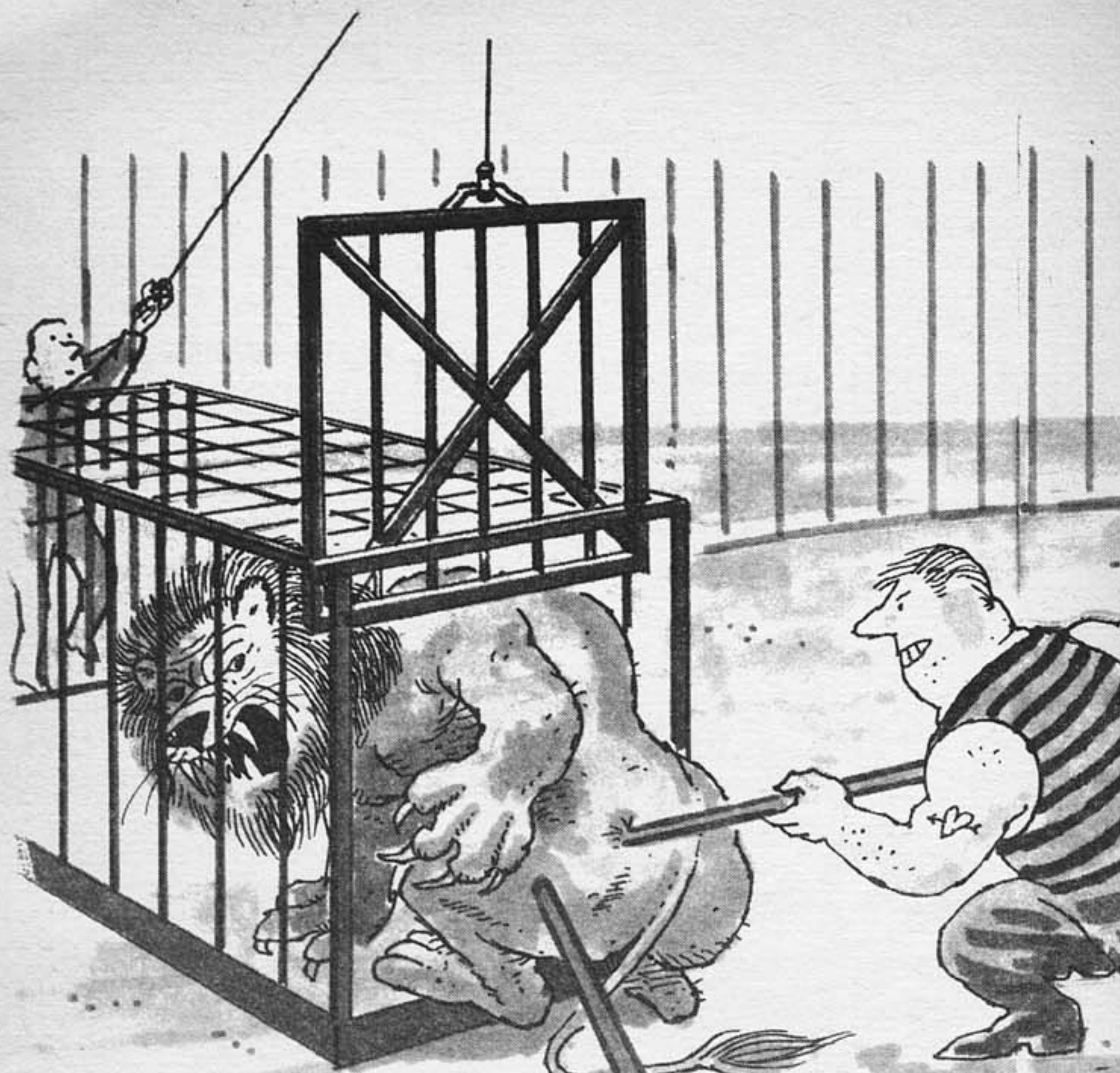


No, in! I've heard so
many wonderful
things about this
place.

No, I'm just
testing the
security system
here.

No, I'm a rare
giant striped
mole.





WERE YOU SCARED?



No, I've **always** wanted to **see** what the **inside** of a **lion** looks like.

No, but I just can't help **worrying** about the **awful** **social** **problems** that **poor** **lion** must have with his **bad** **breath**.

No, I'm just **terribly** **ticklish** and I thought I'd **die** **laughing** when he started **clawing** me.



BLECH 2

IS THIS THE ROAD
TO BLECHVILLE?



VILLE MILES

No, this is the way
to **Plotzville!**
Blechville just
happens to be in
front of it.

No, turn around and
go **straight** for
24,904 miles and
you can't miss it.

I don't know if this
is the road to
Blechville but this
sure is the **sign** to
Blechville.



IS THE SOUP
TOO HOT?

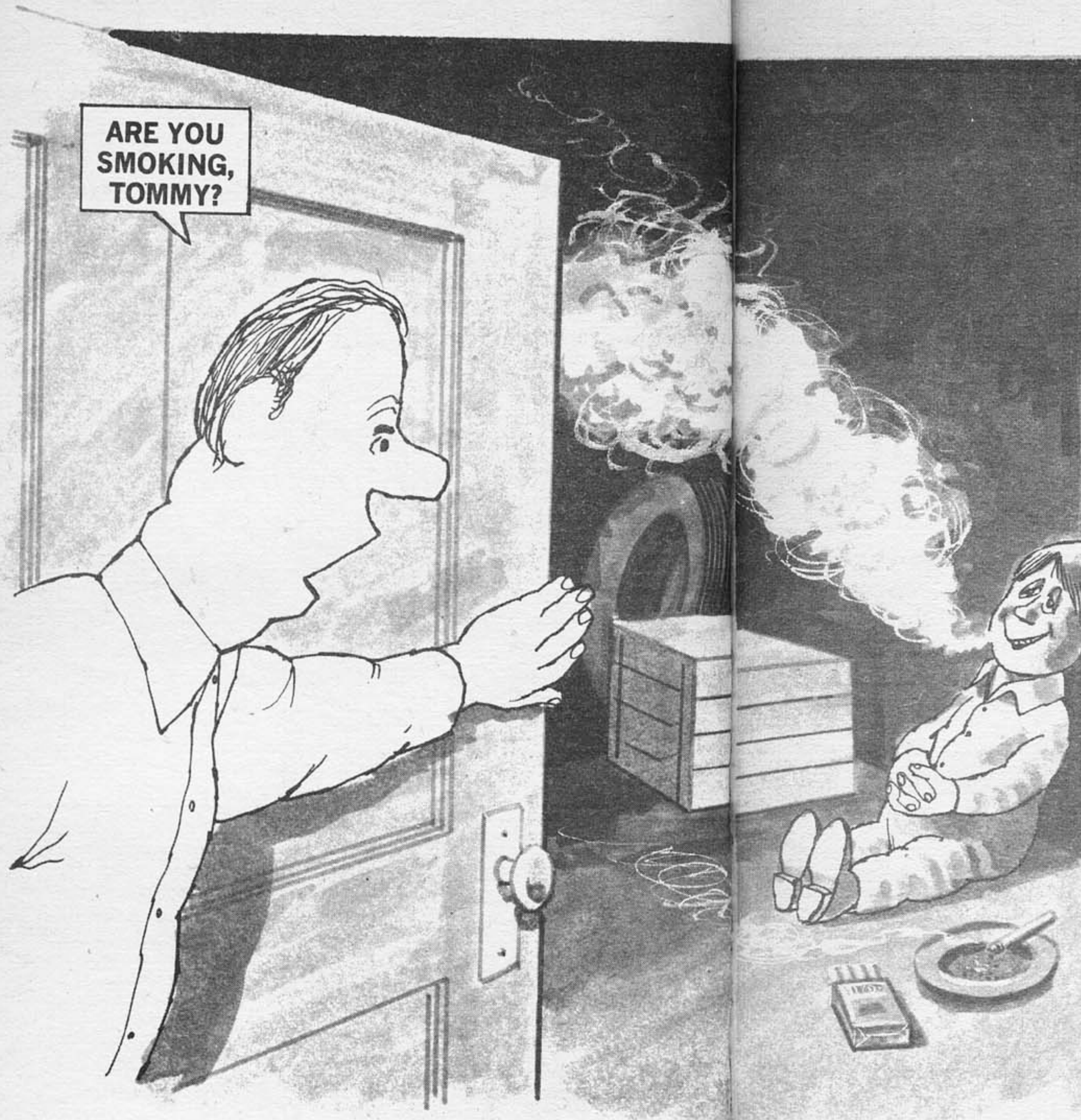


It's hard to tell
with a **mouthful**
of **seared flesh**.

No, this is the way
I **normally** take
a **shower**.

No, but this
branding iron I
stuck in my
mouth sure is.





ARE YOU
SMOKING,
TOMMY?

No, I'm studying the
cloud formations
here in our
basement.

No, I'm **rehearsing**
for my part as a
dragon in the
school play.

No, I'm just
sending messages
to an old
Indian friend.

**A ROMANTIC
"SNAPPY ANSWERS
TO STUPID QUESTIONS"
LOVE STORY**



No, I enjoy **spending**
my money on girls
I **detest**.

Oh, Marvin.



Do you like
me, Seymour?



No, I'd much rather
date the **Phyllis
Diller** type.

Oh, Seymour.



Do you **like**
me, Benchley?




LIKE you? I
ADORE you! I
worship
the very ground
you walk on!
My love for you
knows no bounds.




I can't STAND
wiseguys.



**ONCE AGAIN,
LET'S RETURN TO
STILL MORE (YECCH)
"SNAPPY ANSWERS
TO STUPID QUESTIONS"**

A black and white illustration of a woman in a dark dress and hat, holding a small purse, pointing her finger at a small girl sitting in a wooden wagon. The girl is wearing a light-colored dress with a bow in her hair. They are outdoors, with a wooden fence and a house in the background.

IS THIS YOUR
LITTLE GIRL,
MR. GRIBISH?

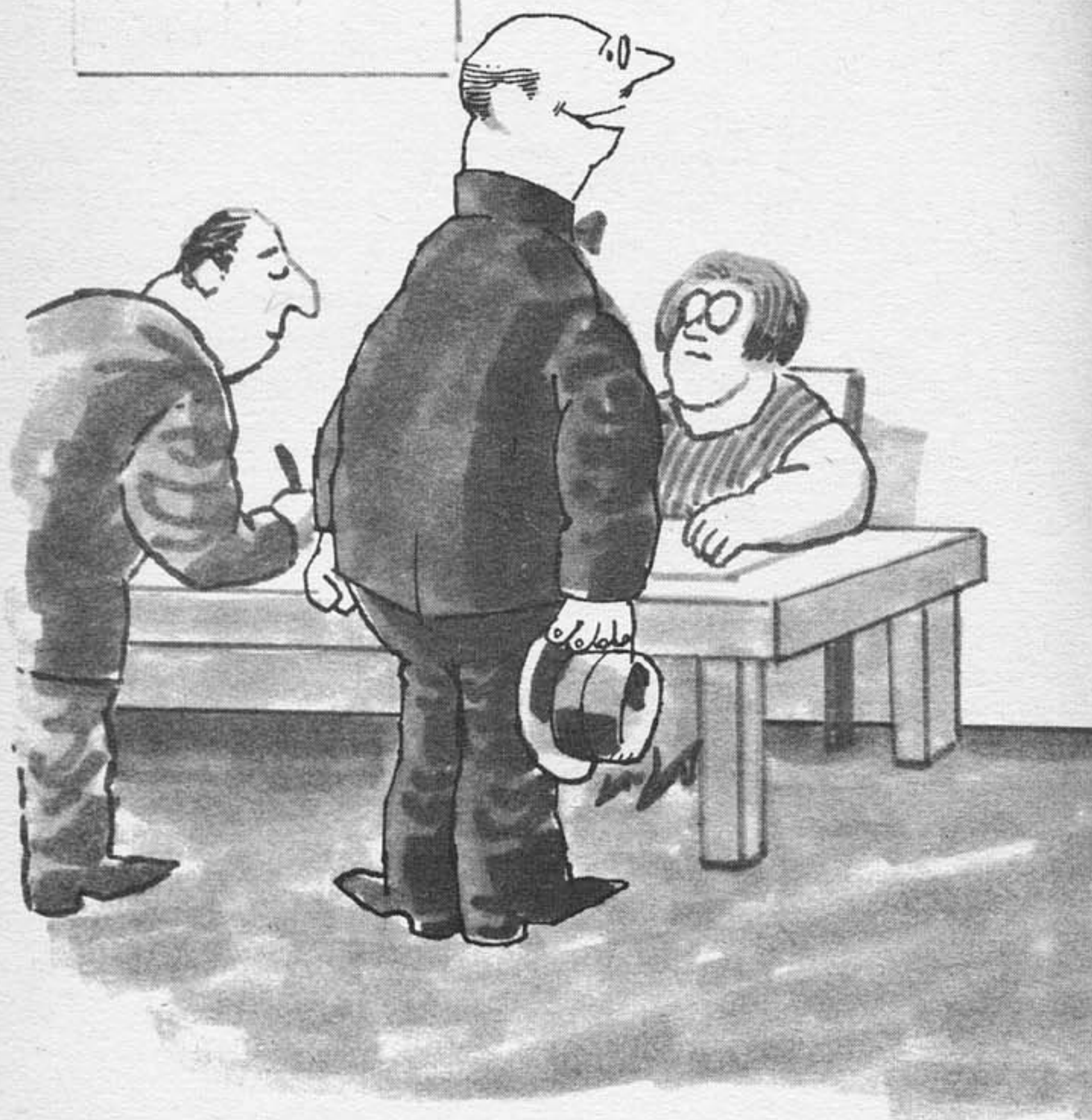
A black and white illustration of a man with a large nose, wearing a plaid sweater and dark pants, holding a handle. He is standing outdoors, with a wooden fence and a house in the background.

No, it's my little
boy—the sissy.

No, it's my little
Aunt Martha, the
midget.

No, it's my **big** girl!
My **little** girl is only
three inches tall.

ARE YOU GOING
TO VOTE?



VOTING
BOOTH

No, I'm going to
the **bathroom**.

No, I'm going to
slip into something
more **comfortable**,
baby.

No, I'm going to
make a **phone**
call.





DO YOU TAKE
THIS MAN TO
BE YOUR
LAWFULLY
WEDDED
HUSBAND?

No, I'm going
through all this just
to see how I look
in white.

No, I just want
someone who'll take
out the garbage.

Why? You got
somebody
better.

DID YOU SIT IN
WET PAINT?



No, I was
standing here and
the **bench came over**
and **attacked me**.

No, I sat on a
new invention for
printing designs
on **clothing**.

No, I sat in
dry paint
that came **off** on
my **wet suit**.



WHAT ARE YOU
GUYS TRYING TO
DO, MAKE TROUBLE?

DOWN
WITH
JETS! CRFT!

STOP
THE
WIFE! WIFE!

IMPEACH
ALL THE
JUDGE
FINAL 13
from court

OUST
EVERY
WICKED
from court

No, we're trying
to stir up apathy.

No, we're
employees of a
sign company
testing our
product

No we're out to
swat giant flies.

**"A SNAPPY ANSWER
TO A STUPID QUESTION"
BECAUSE IT IS THERE.**

Sherman, why do we
do it? I mean what
is the **deep down**
reason we have to
climb this mountain?

Because it is
there.

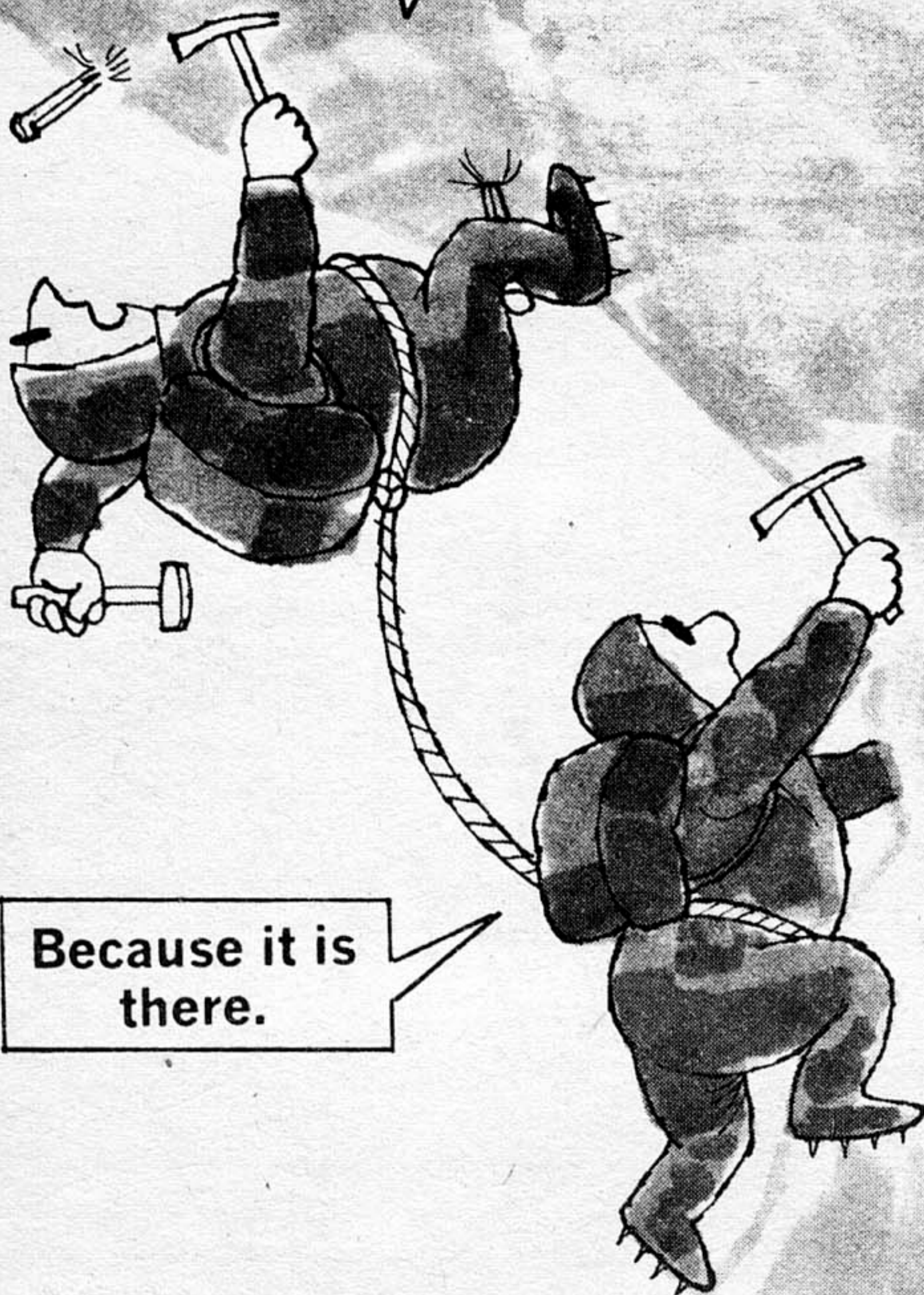


I mean Sherman—
think of the **years**
of **planning** and
training that went
into this. **Why—**
why do we do it?

Because it is
there.



Sherman, think of
the **time away from**
our loved ones.
Think of our **losses**
in earnings. Why,
Sherman—**why do**
we do it?



Because it is
there.

**Look at the cost,
Sherman! Supplies,
travel expenses,
hotels, etc. Think,
Sherman, why do
we do it?**

**Because it is
there.**



And the **suffering**,
Sherman. Oh the
suffering. Frostbite.
Hunger. Exhaustion.
Pain that reaches
every fibre of our
beings. Sherman—
Sherman! Why do
we do it?

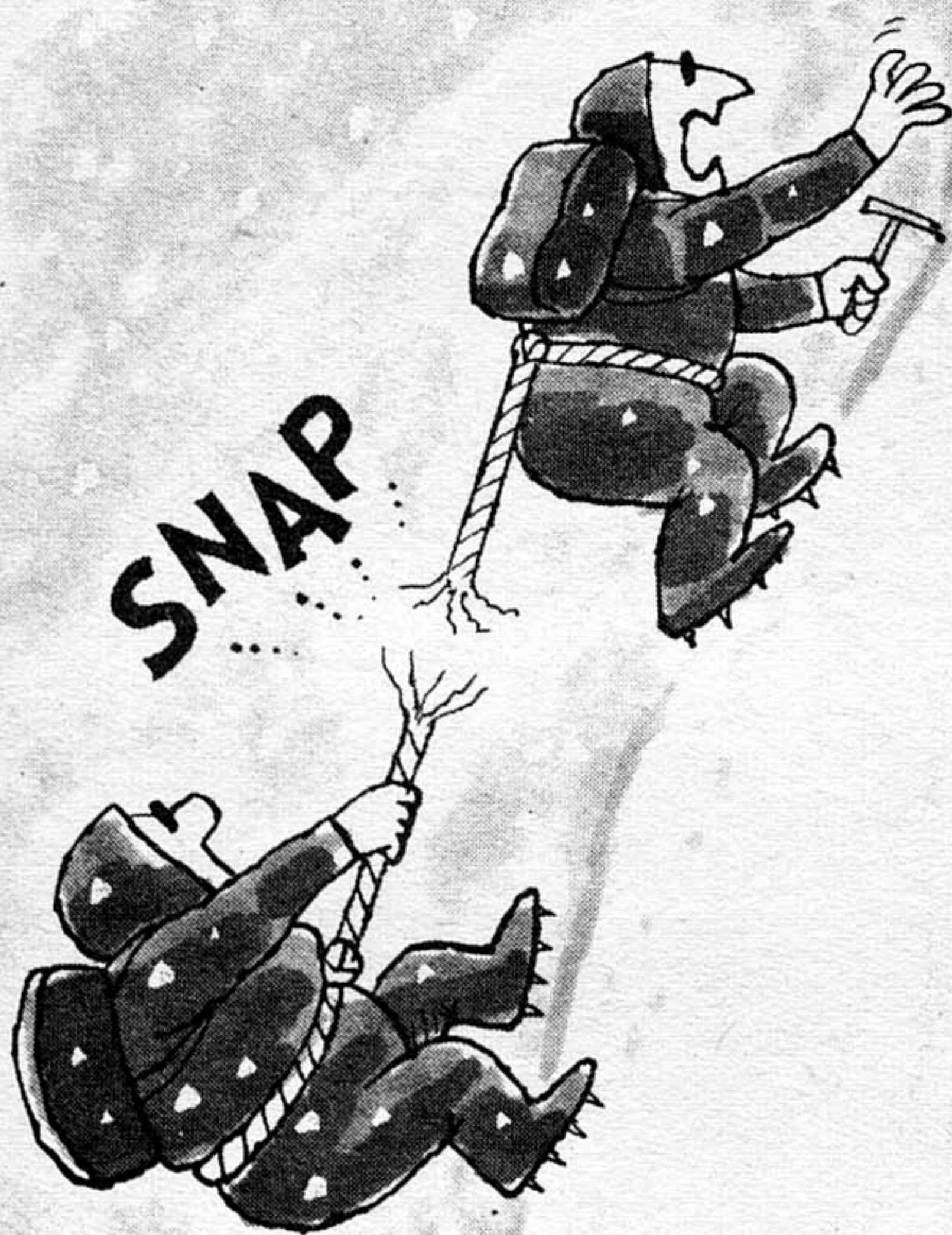
**Because it is
there.**



Sherman, for **six days** I have **asked** you **why** we go **through all this** and for **six days** you've given me the **same answer . . .**



**FOR GOD'S SAKE,
SHERMAN!
HAVEN'T YOU
GOT ANYTHING
BETTER TO SAY
THAN "BECAUSE
IT IS THERE"?**



AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!



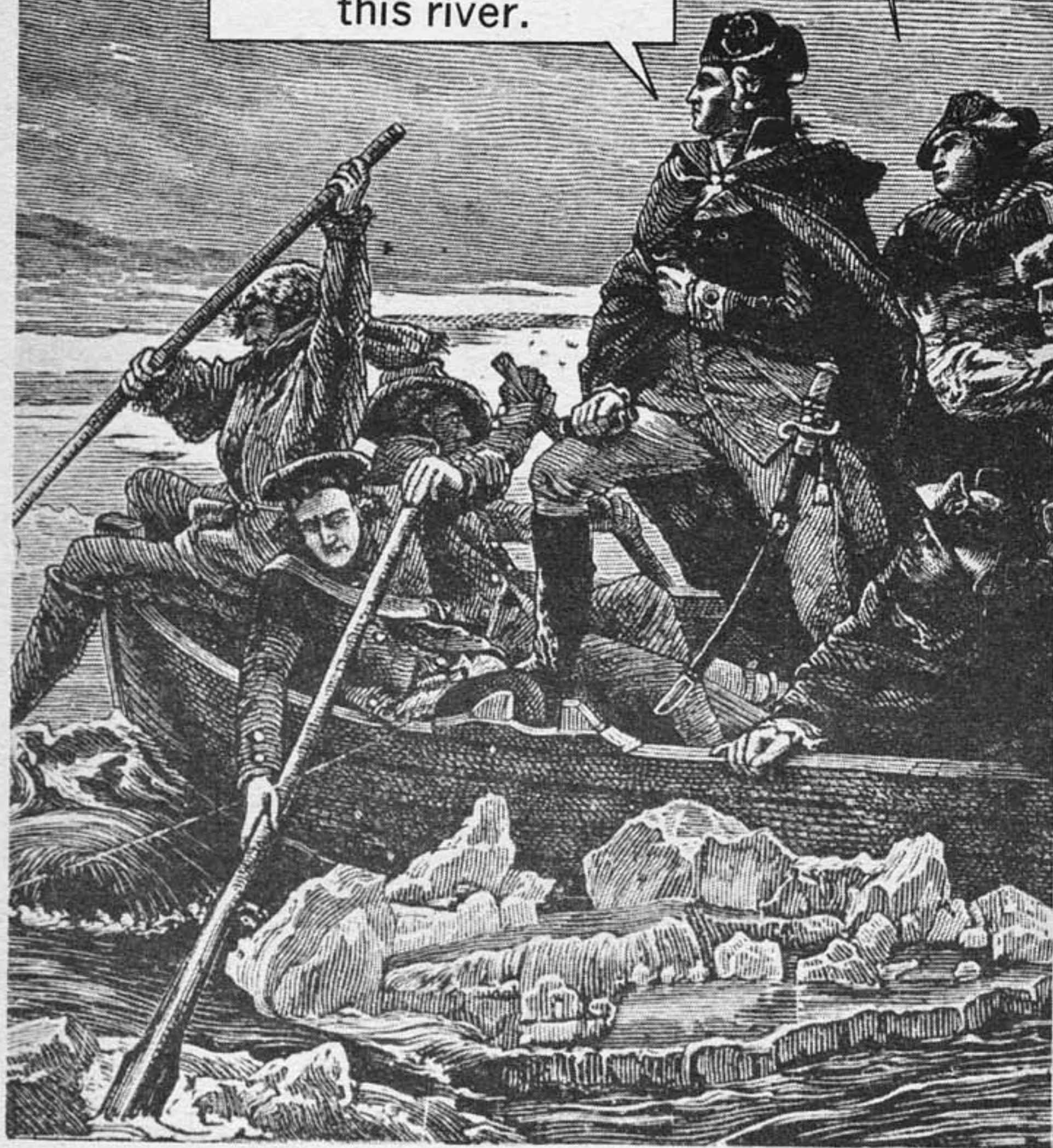
I'll buy that.



**THROUGH HISTORY WITH
"SNAPPY ANSWERS
TO STUPID QUESTIONS"**

Are we going to
fight the **British**,
Sir.

No, we're going to go
looking for the
silver dollar
I threw across
this river.




Are we retreating
from Moscow, Mon
General?

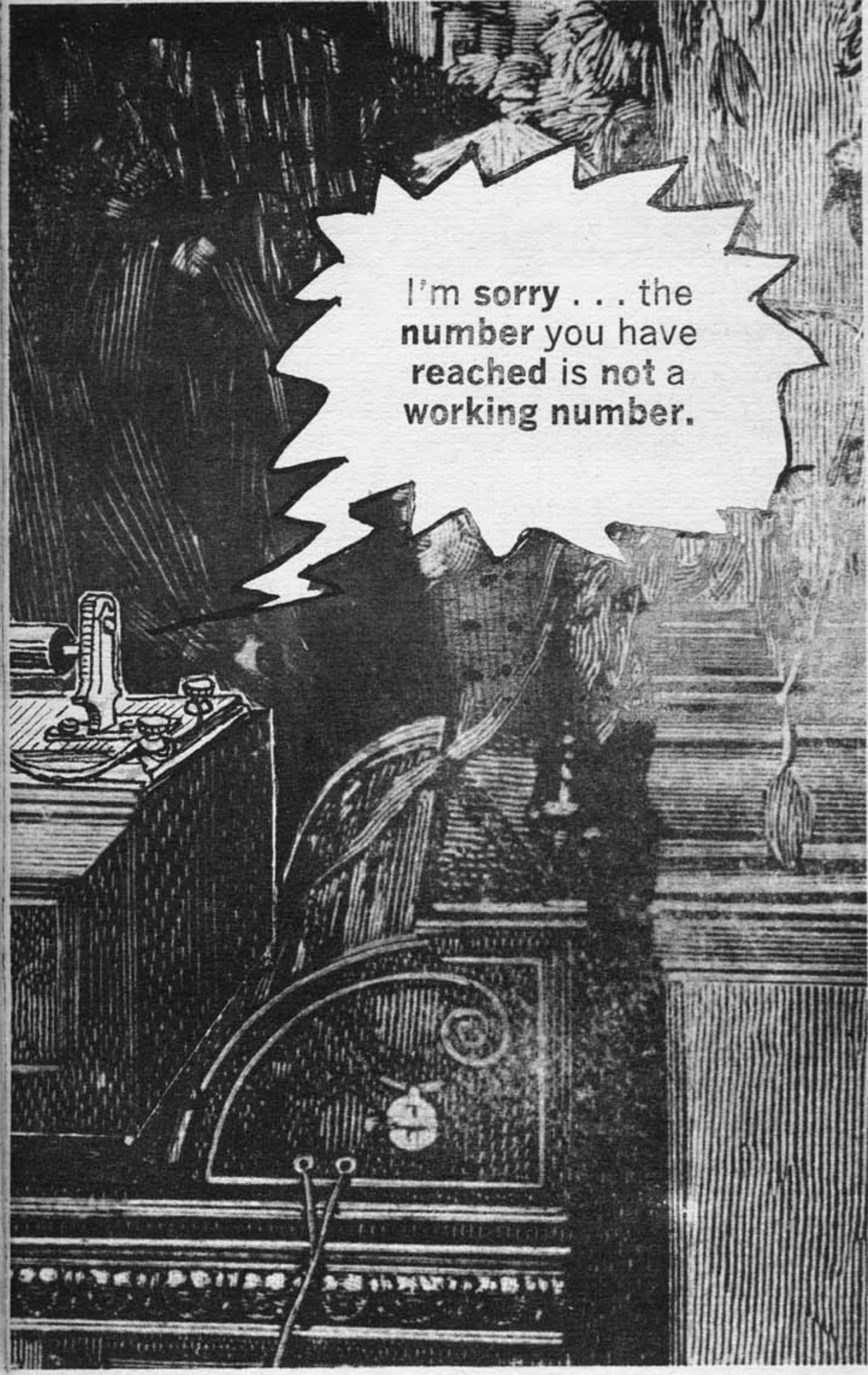


No, we are
advancing on
Paris, Mon Idiot.



A black and white illustration of a man with a full beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit and a white shirt with a high collar. He is holding a telephone receiver to his ear with his right hand. The background is dark and textured with vertical lines.

Come here,
Watson—I
need you.

A black and white illustration of a telephone exchange. It features a large, ornate wooden cabinet with a circular dial and various mechanical components. A large, jagged speech bubble is superimposed over the scene, pointing towards the exchange.

I'm sorry . . . the
number you have
reached is not a
working number.



**STINGING COMEBACKS TO
"SNAPPY ANSWERS
TO STUPID QUESTIONS"**

Goin' skatin'?



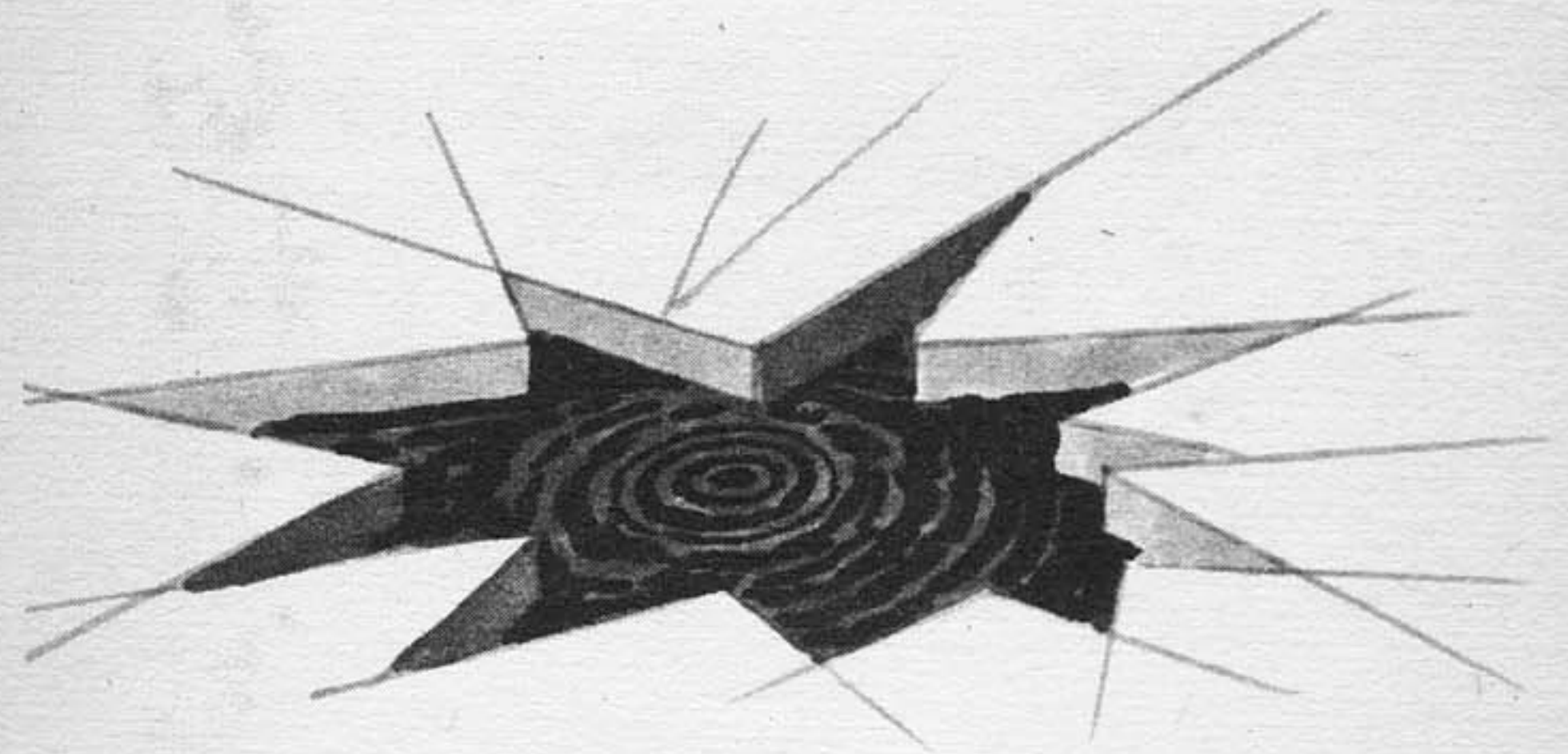
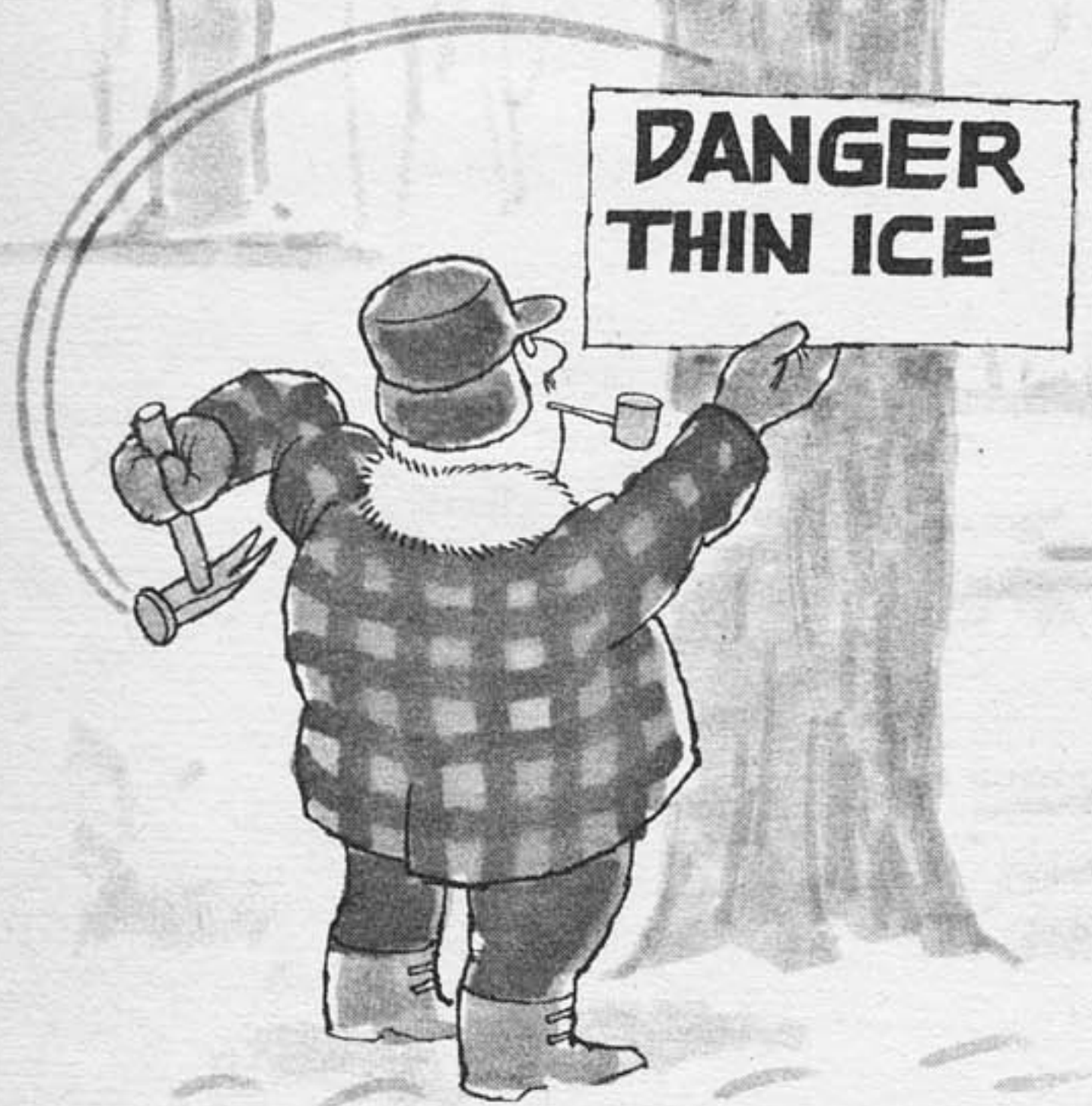
No, swimming.





Lousy day for
skatin', though.

**DANGER
THIN ICE**



Are you **married**?

No, I'm **happy**.

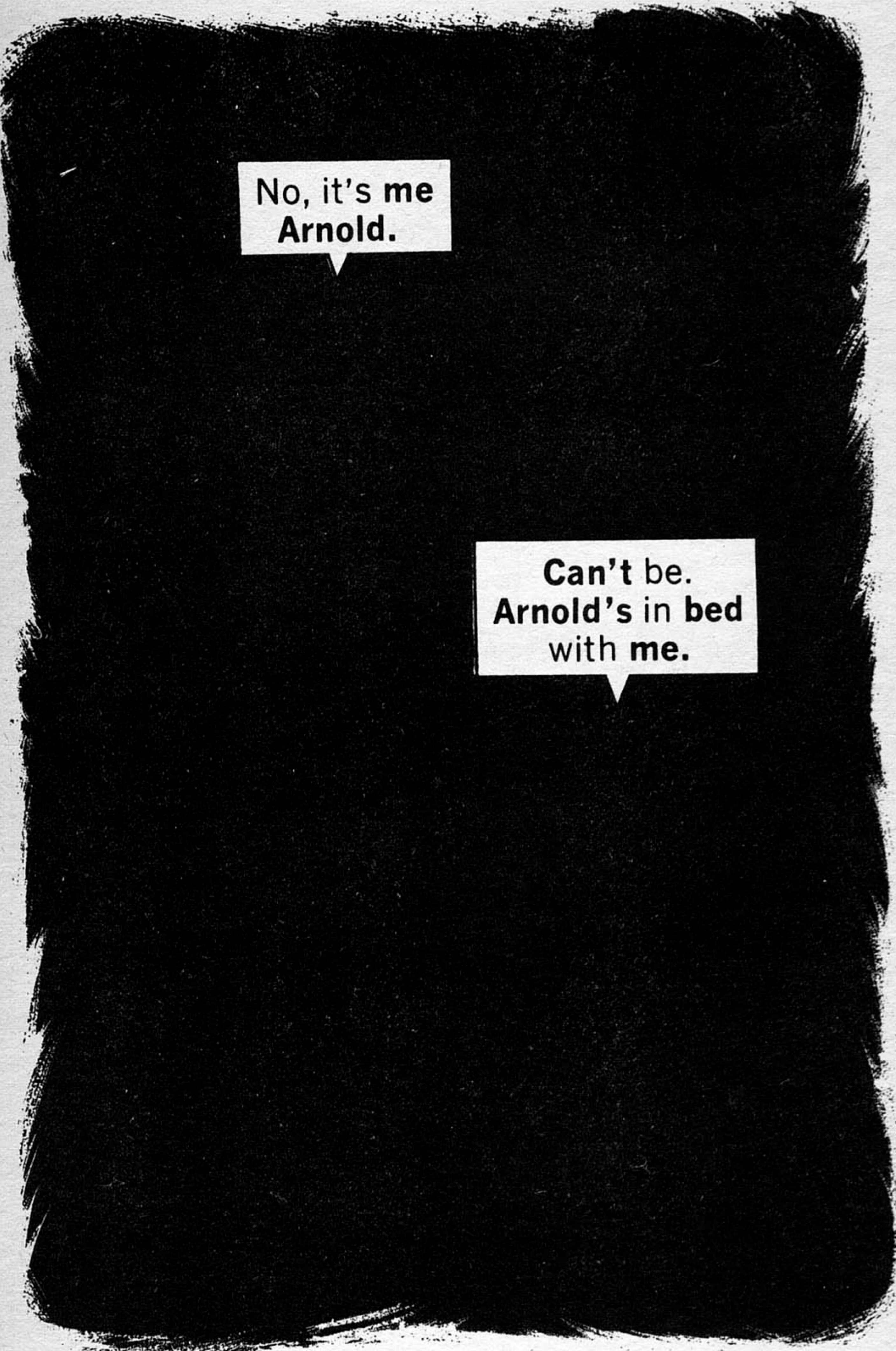


Ha, ha, ha.
That's very
funny, sir.



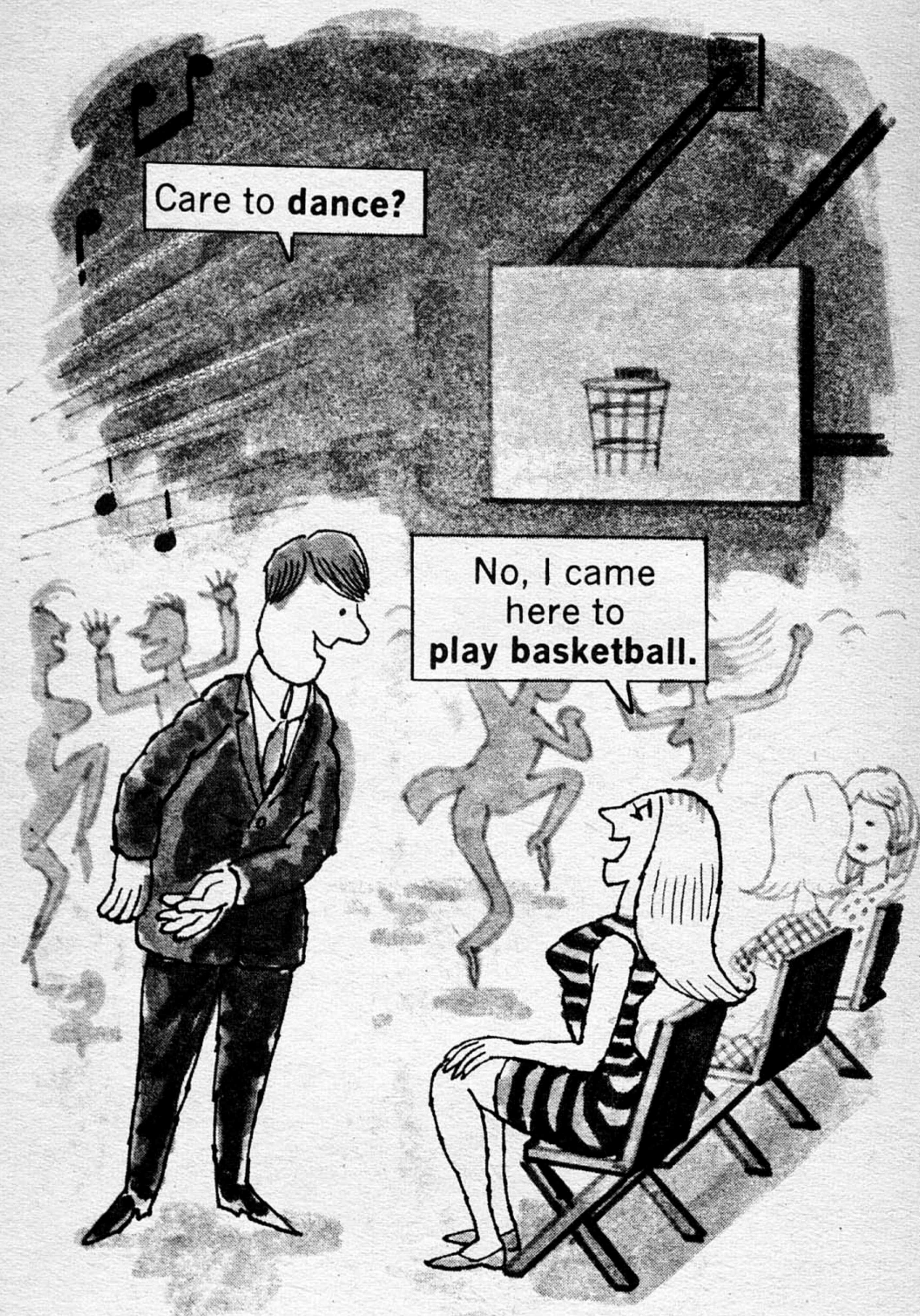
Is that **you**,
Spencer?

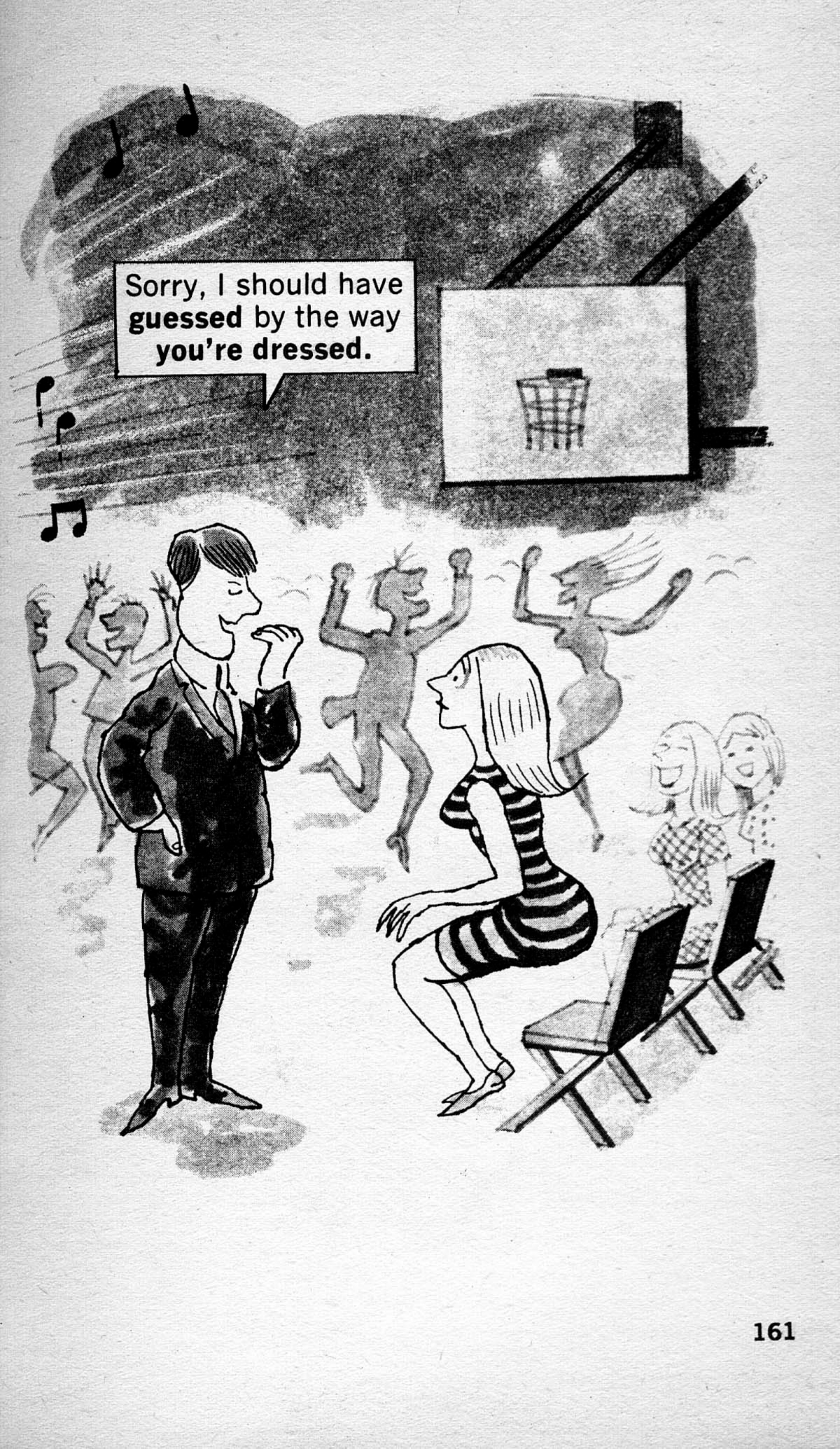




No, it's me
Arnold.

Can't be.
Arnold's in bed
with me.





Sorry, I should have
guessed by the way
you're dressed.

Sale

Doing some
shopping?

No, doing some
stealing.



Sale

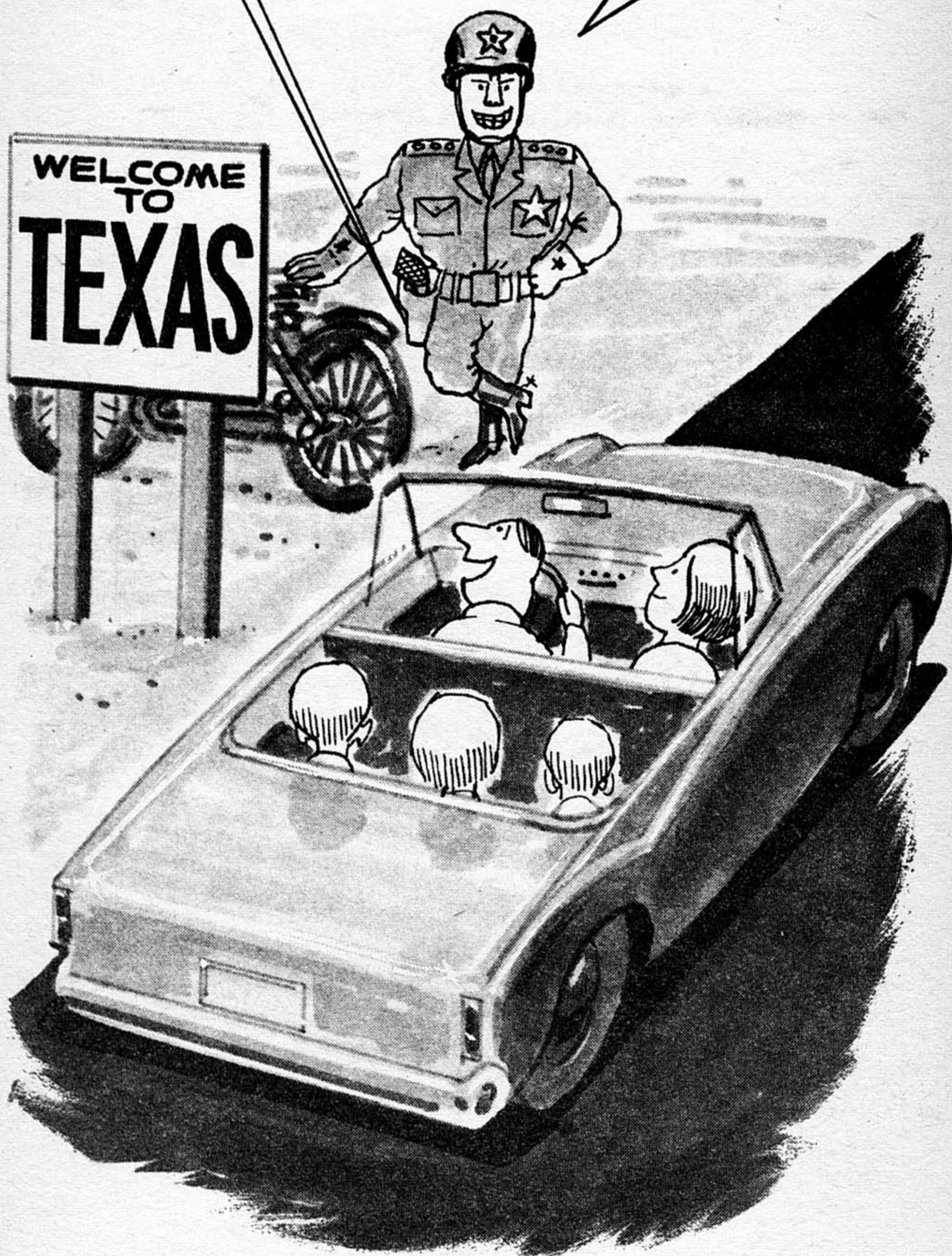
At last we know
how you manage to
get by on your
husband's measly
income.



Is this **Texas**?

No, it's **Xoxcatapetal**,
but we **couldn't** fit
it on the sign
so we put something
that **didn't** take up
so much space.

WELCOME
TO
TEXAS



Of all the people to **meet** we had to run into a **stupid clod** who **can't speak English**.

WELCOME
TO
TEXAS



**SOME VERY UNLIKELY
"SNAPPY ANSWERS
TO STUPID QUESTIONS"**

HELLO—CAN
YOU HEAR ME?

ECHO
CANYON

No, this is a
recording—our
regular echo is on
vacation.

Hear you
WHAT?

Yes, but **thank
God** I can't
see you.



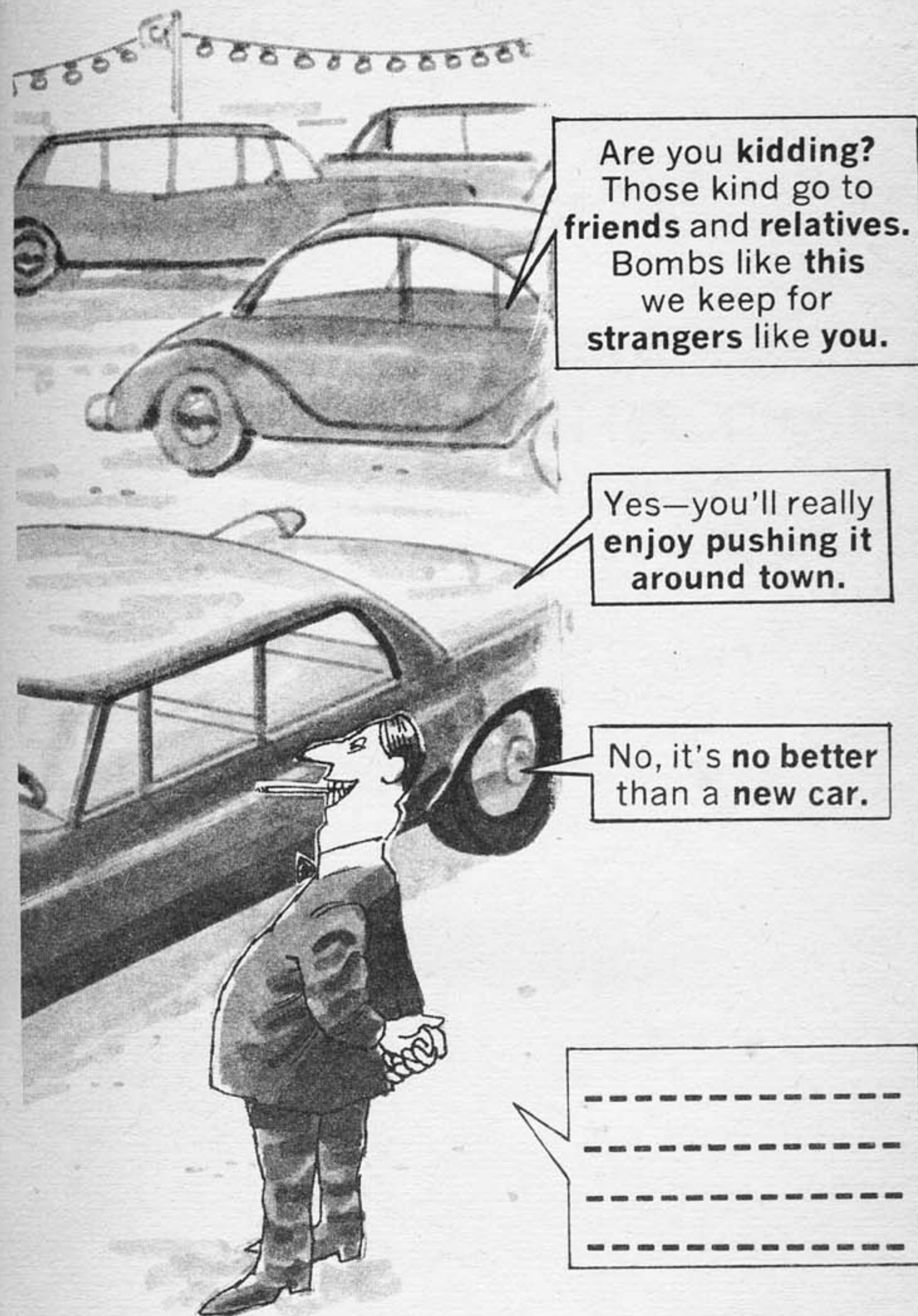
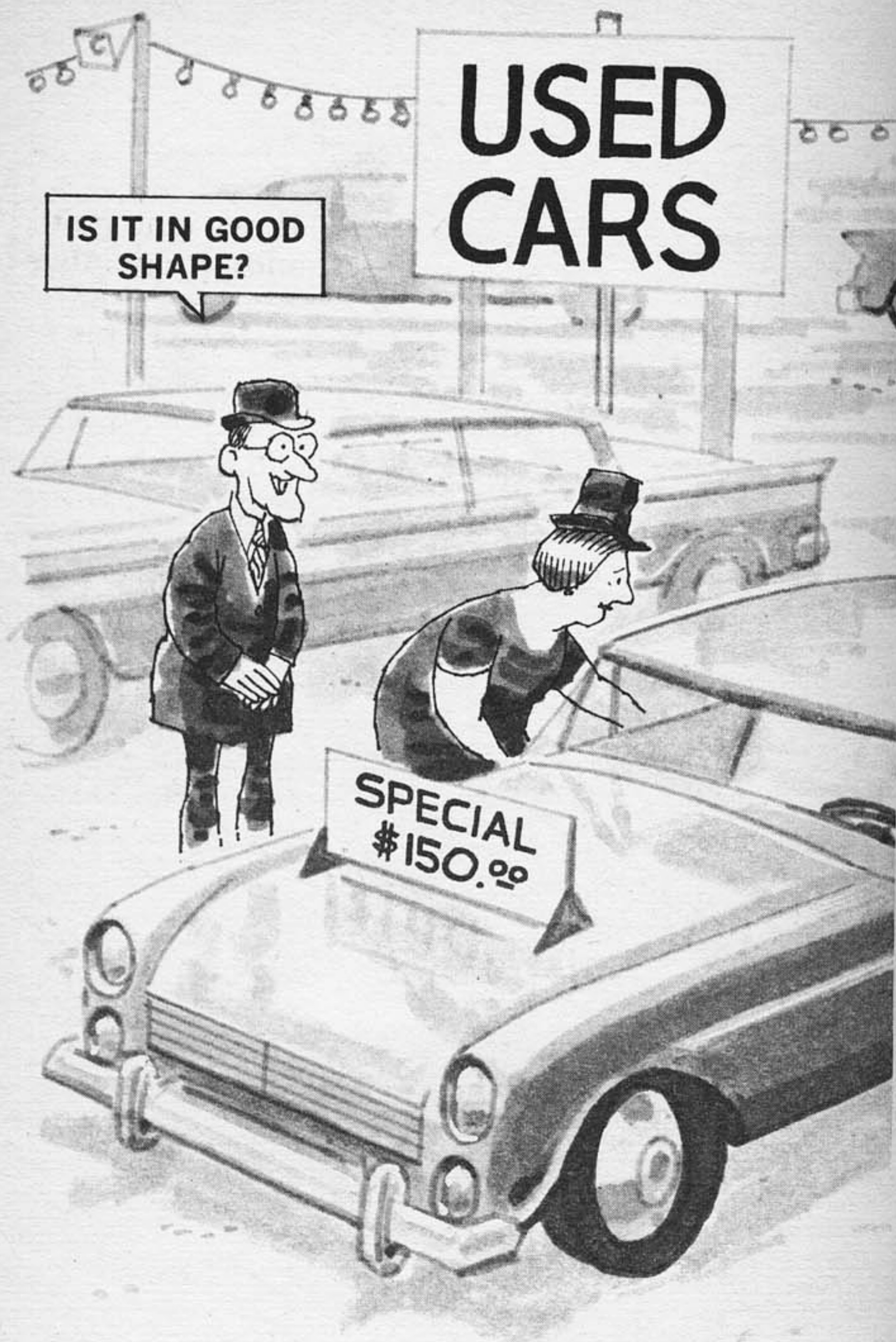
WHAT DO YOU
OWE YOUR
LONG LIFE TO?



To the fact that I
haven't died yet.

To heavy drinking,
wild partying, chain
smoking, and a
number of things
I can't mention in
mixed company.


To not asking
stupid questions.



**AT LAST! THE LAST
OF THE PLAIN (YECCH)
"SNAPPY ANSWERS
TO STUPID QUESTIONS"**



DID I HURT
YOU?



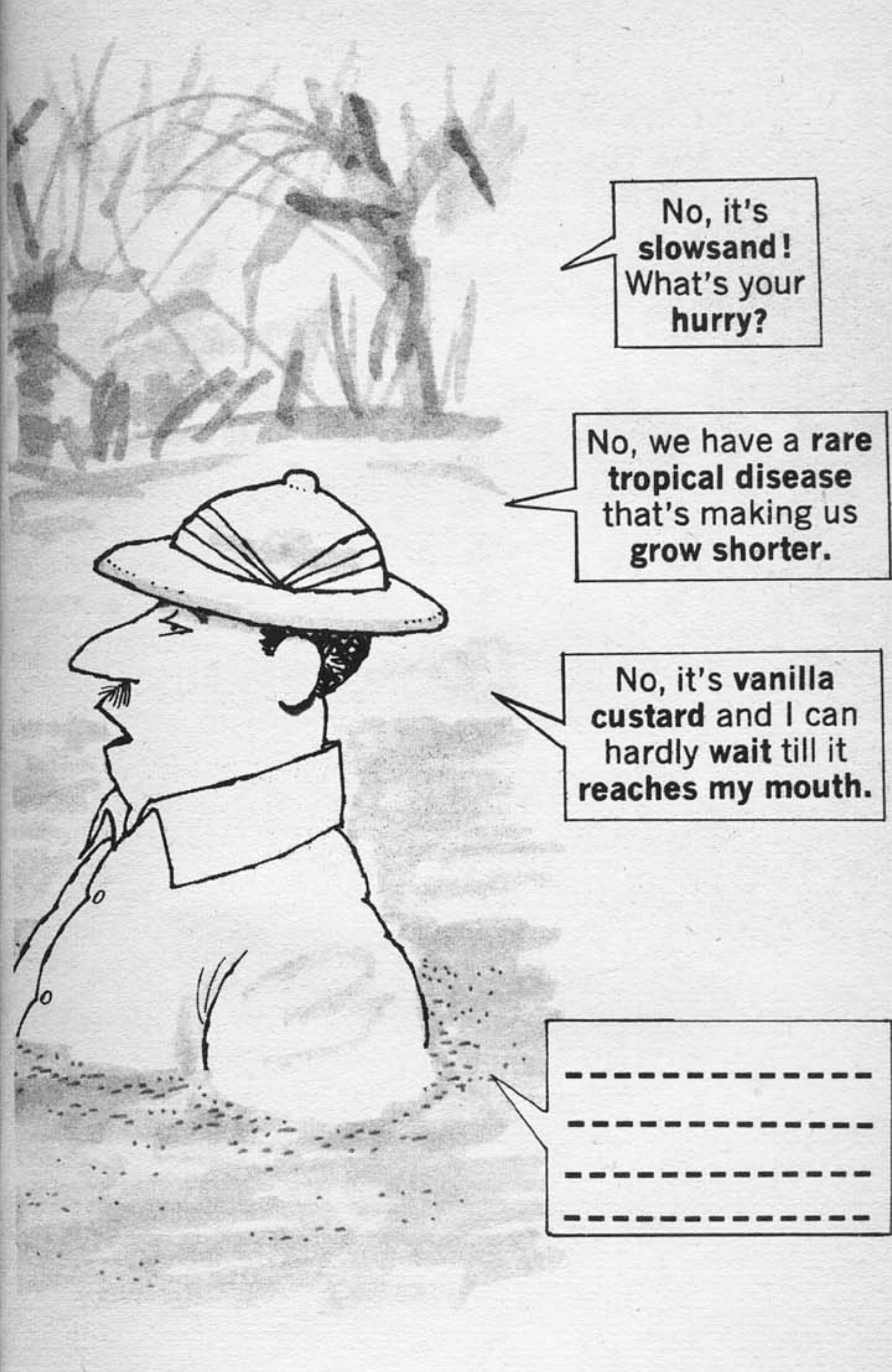
No, I only **groaned**
in pain because I
couldn't **bear** the
thought of your
nice clean umbrella
messed up with my
dirty blood.

No, fortunately it
went into a very
unimportant part
of my **heart.**

No, I **always** let out
a **blood-curdling**
scream when I'm
tickled.



IS IT
QUICKSAND?



No, it's
slowsand!
What's your
hurry?

No, we have a **rare
tropical disease**
that's making us
grow shorter.

No, it's **vanilla
custard** and I can
hardly wait till it
reaches my mouth.

ARE YOU
DRUNK?

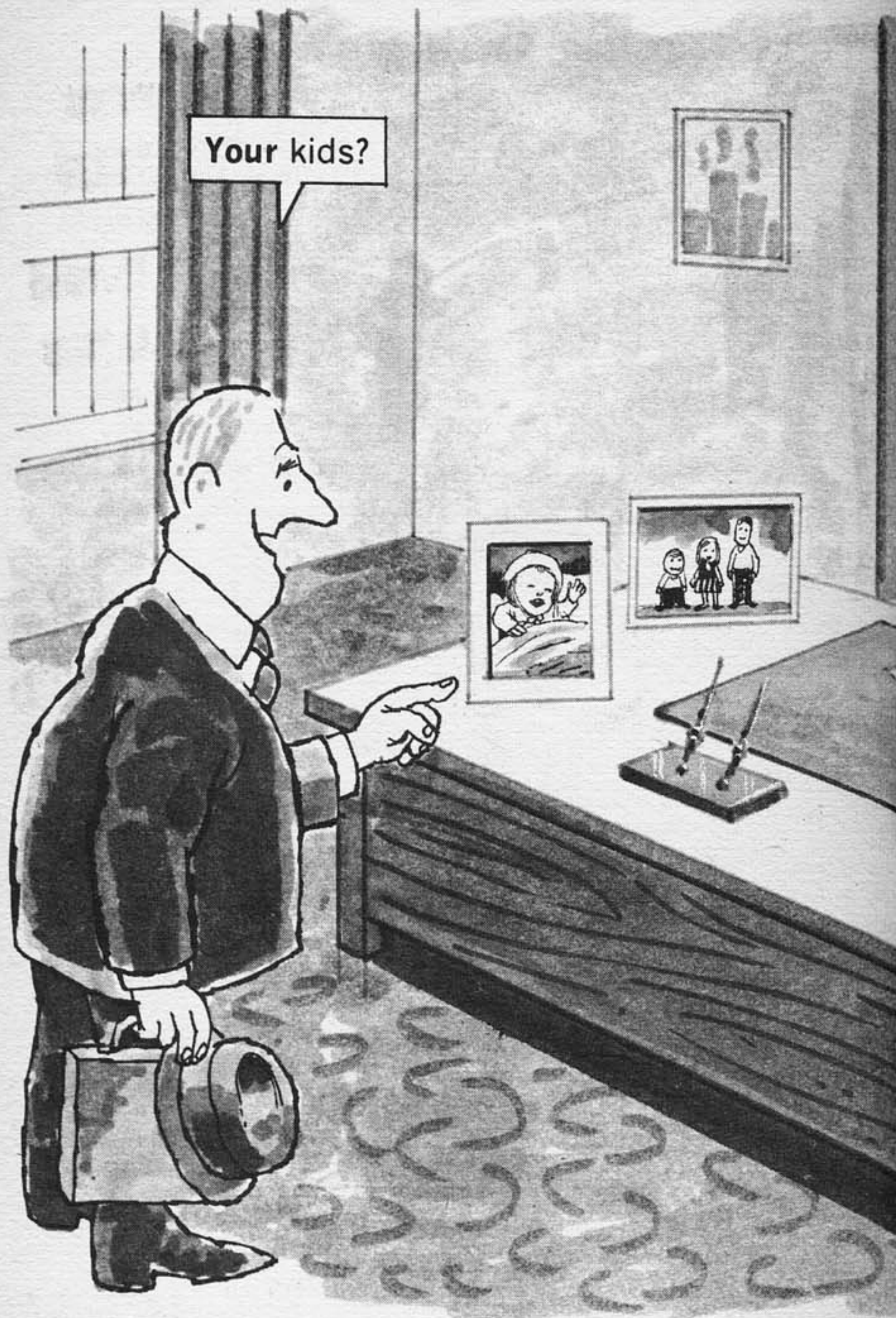


No, I'm an
irrepressible
tree lover.

No, I'm a display
for Alcoholics
Anonymous.

No, I'm sober!
You two are
drunk.





Your kids?



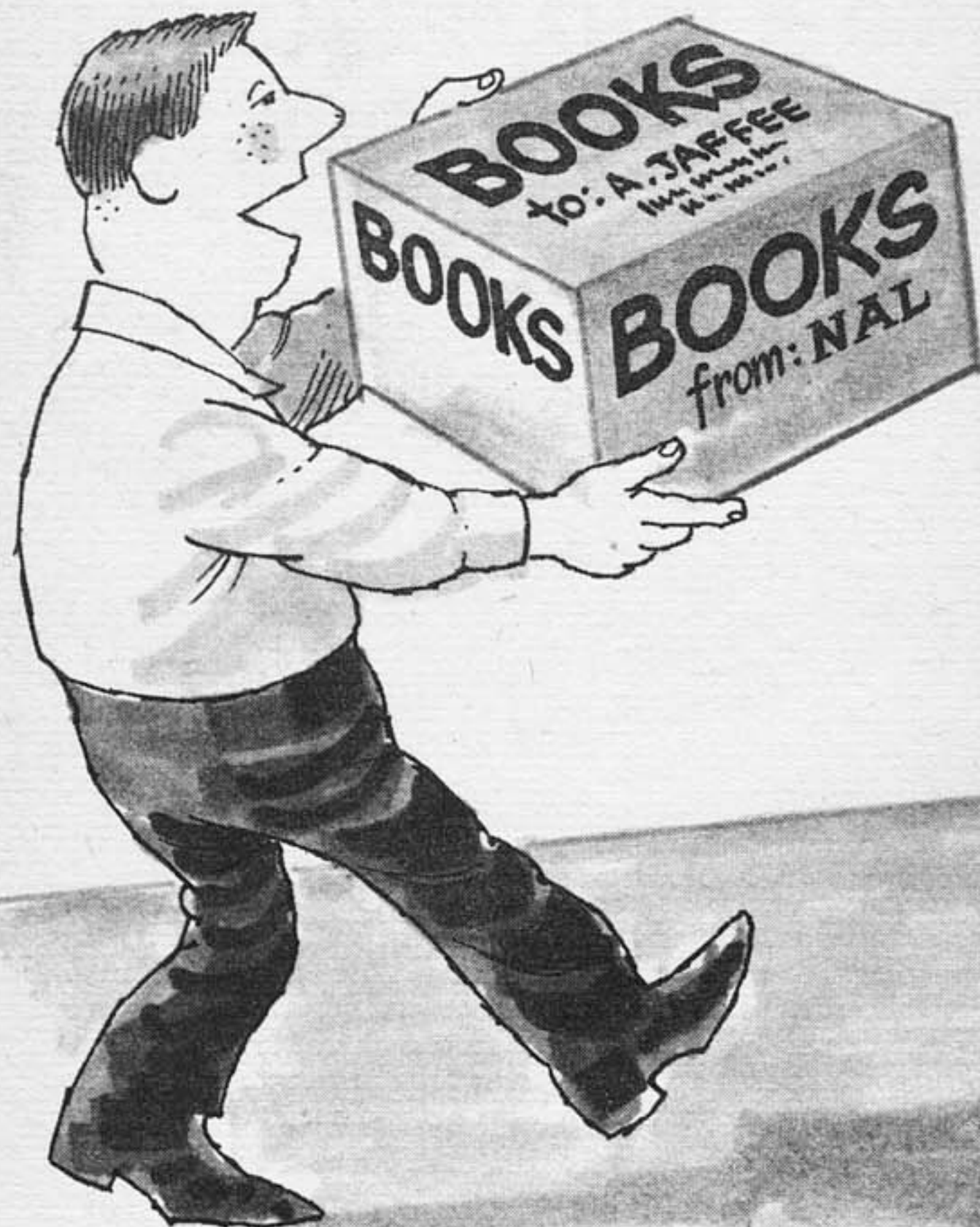
No, I haven't got any so I borrowed these pictures from my neighbor.

No, this is a photo studio and these are samples of my work.

I don't know who they are—it's the frames I'm displaying.

**A HAPPY ENDING
TO A "SNAPPY ANSWER
TO A STUPID QUESTION"**

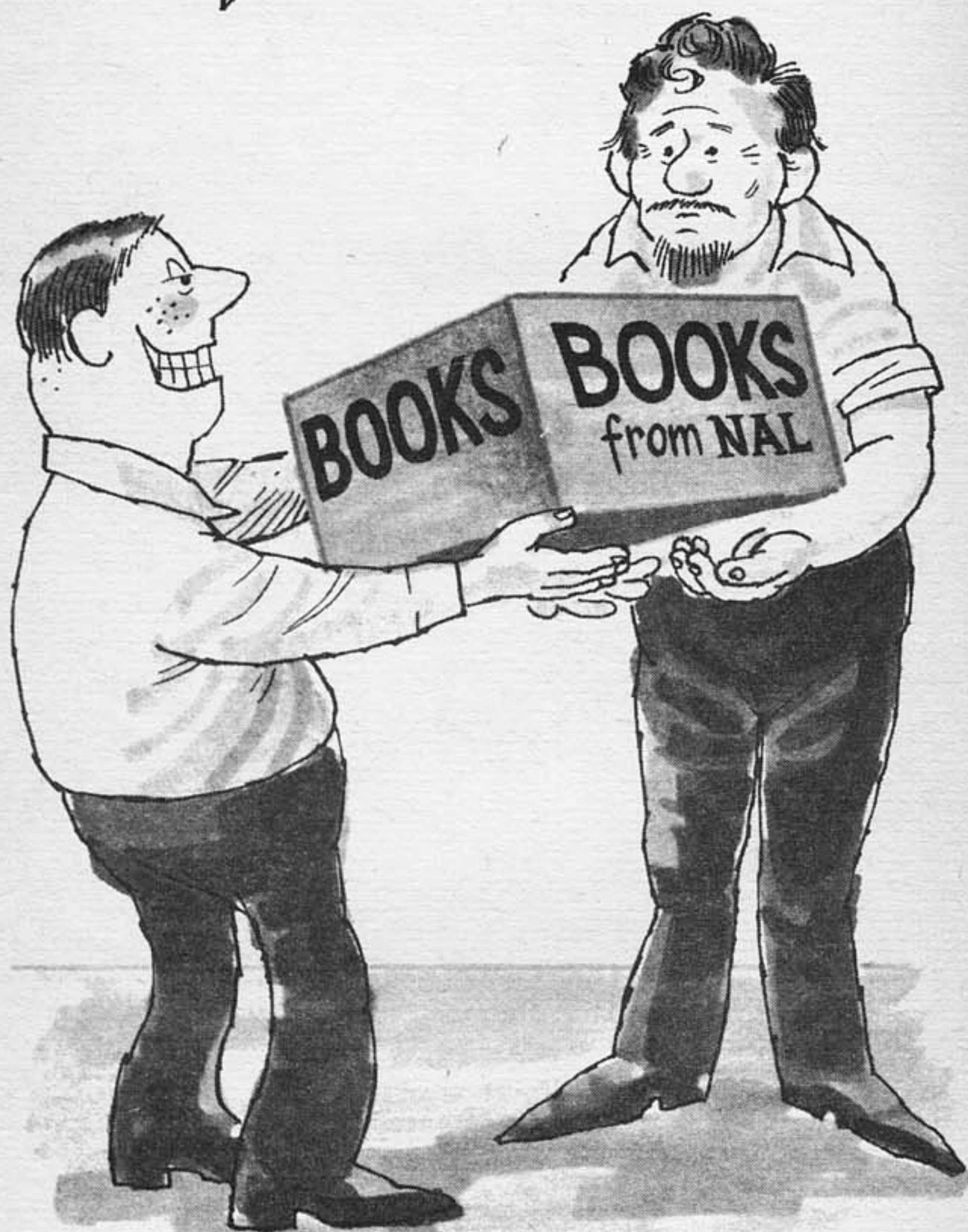
Package for you
from your **publisher**,
Mr. Jaffee.



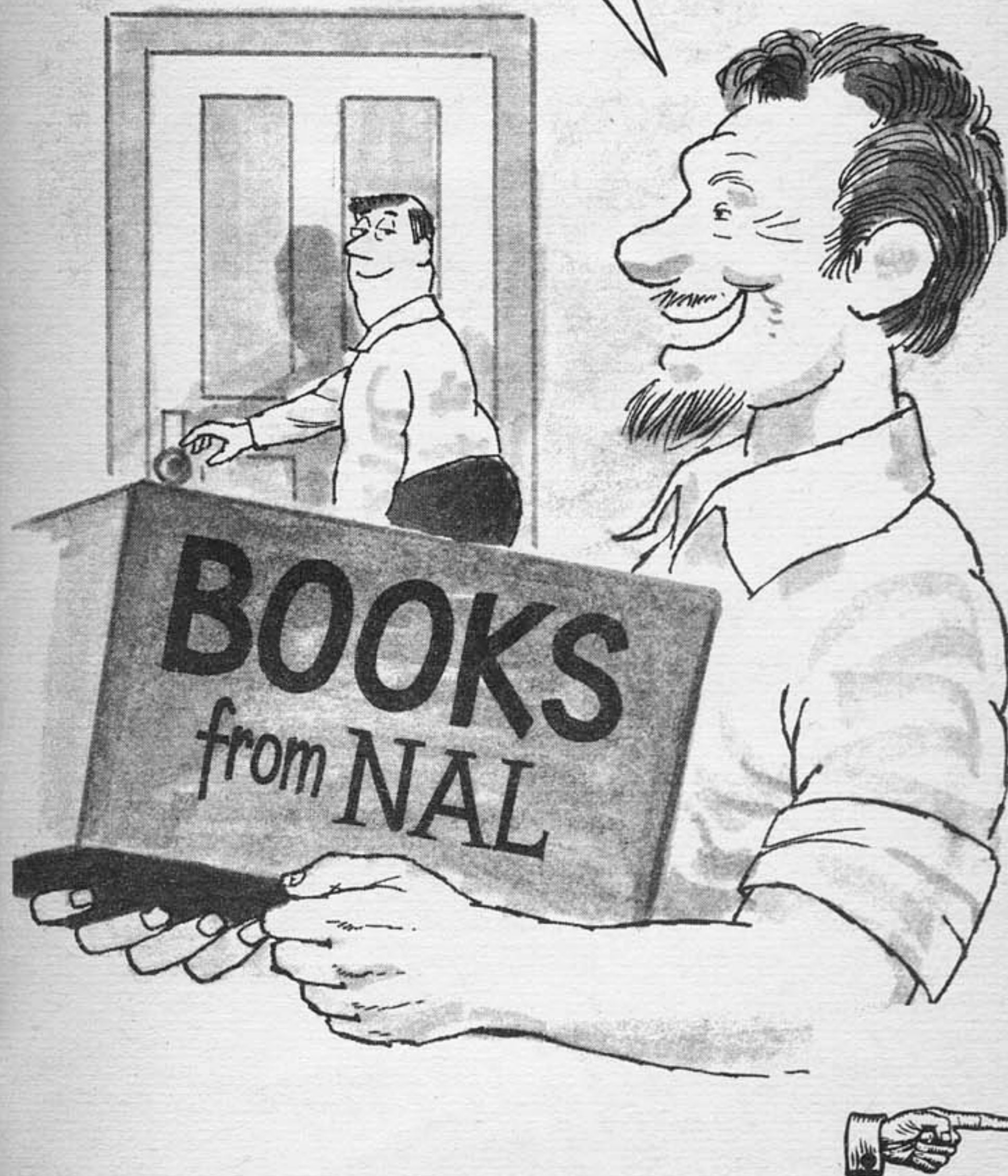
Is it books?



No, it's a **time bomb**
—books they send in
a package marked
“**Explosives**”.



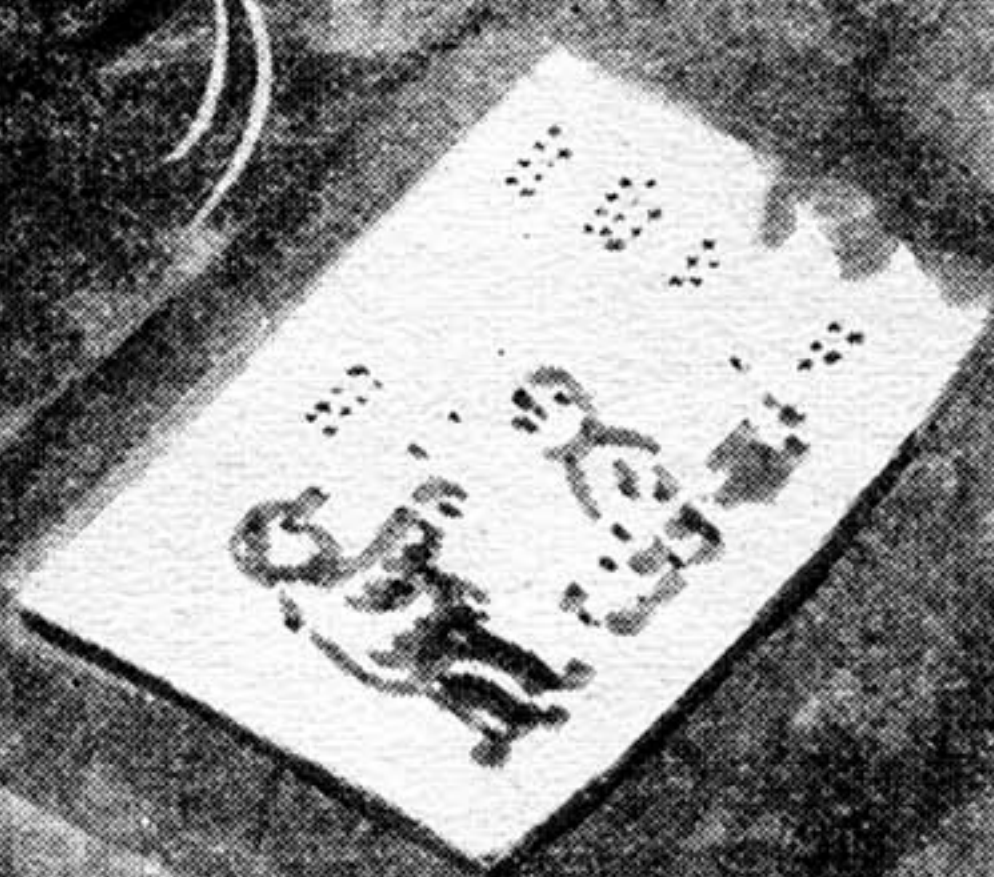
Ha. Ha. Ha.
You **beat me**
at my **own game**—
I asked a **stupid**
question and you
came **right back** with
a **snappy answer**.
Ha. Ha. Ha.
That was a
good one on me.



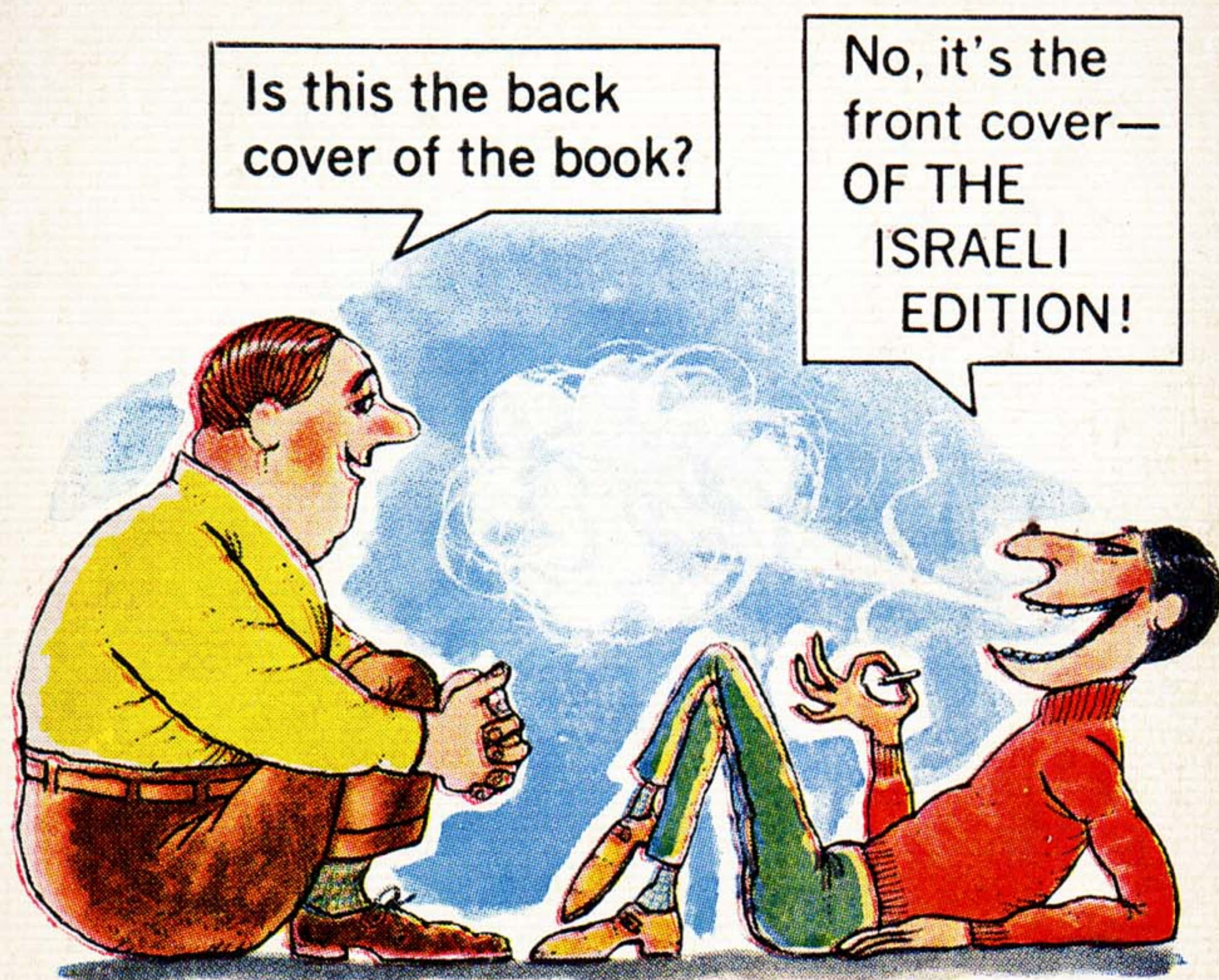
BAR OOM



THAT'S WHAT
"SNAPPY
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QUESTIONS"
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Jaffee



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